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February 4, 1994

Mr. David Geyer
Price Waterhouse
400 South Hope Street
Los Angeles, California 90071

RE: MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

Dear David,

Thank you for you time yesterday to discuss the charity promotion for Martina Navratilova and the 1994 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles to be played August 8 - 14 at the Manhattan County Club. As mentioned, this is the last year that Martina will be playing singles on the WTA tour. As the defending champion and nine-time winner of the L.A. tournament, we wanted to do something special to recognize her retirement from the game.

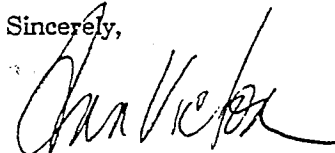
We want to create a national fundraising promotion whereby fans will write a note to Martina wishing her well and enclosing \$1 to be donated to a charity of her choice (most likely an AIDS organization). The goal would be \$100,000. Because cash is involved, we would like to affiliate with a reputable accounting firm to ensure the legitimacy of the fundraising drive.

The system would be set-up to have Price Waterhouse receive and deposit the monies and forward the letters to us. During the tournament we will have a ceremony, geared to create high media visibility to present her with the money collected.

After you have reviewed the proposal internally, we can discuss compensation, either in terms of money, a trade for tickets or inclusion in the publicity efforts.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I can be reached at 818-776-1244, ext. 17 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ann Victor
Senior Account Executive

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Price Waterhouse



March 8, 1994

Ms. Ann Victor
Senior Account Executive
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18425 Burbank Boulevard, Suite 506
Tarzana, California 91356

Dear Ms. Victor:

Thank you for presenting Price Waterhouse with the opportunity to assist you with the charity promotion for Martina Naratilova and the 1994 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles Tournament. Your promotion is certainly a beneficial one, especially for the organization to which you will donate the \$100,000 goal. We can certainly appreciate your concerns regarding the legitimacy of the fund raising drive as well as the appearance and actuality of propriety regarding the event.

Unfortunately, due to time commitments on the part of several partners with whom I have discussed this issue, Price Waterhouse will be unable to assist you at this time. However, if there is anything we can do to help you in the future, please let us know.

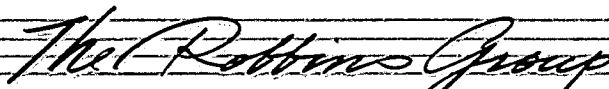
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (213) 236-3421.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. Norman
Marketing and Sales Manager

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jim Fuhse
FROM: Kristy Barrett
DATE: June 22, 1993
RE: Virginia Slims of Los Angeles
Martina Navratilova Charity Fundraiser
cc: Ina Broeman
Nancy Zimbalist
Jeanine Goldberg
Marcia Robbins

We are in the process of coordinating the logistics for the Martina Navratilova Charity Fundraiser for her retirement from singles tennis. At Martina's request, we have researched charities which benefit Los Angeles earthquake victims and would like to proceed with a commitment to the charity.

The American Red Cross is responsible for handling all Los Angeles earthquake relief funds. We will specify that the funds go directly to victims of the earthquake in need of relief. Please let us know as soon as possible if there are any conflicts with this charity and Philip Morris. (See attached information on Martina's Retirement Event.)

Please call me at 818/776-1244 if you have any questions.

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***** ATTENTION: MARTINA NAVRATILOVA FANS *****

The Virginia Slims of Los Angeles is asking all fans of Martina Navratilova to participate in a tribute to her final singles appearance in Los Angeles by writing letters wishing "farewell, but not goodbye" to perhaps the greatest player in the history of women's tennis.

In appreciation for the support Navratilova has received in Los Angeles, she has joined forces with the American Red Cross, to raise money for the Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund benefiting the victims of the January 17 earthquake.

All Navratilova fans are invited to pen their message and kind wishes and make a donation in her name of \$1 (or more) to be donated to the earthquake victims. Through the support of tennis clubs and organizations, Navratilova will be given a grand slam style farewell and the opportunity to give something back to the people of Los Angeles.

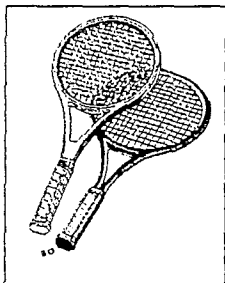
Letters and donations should be sent by August 1, 1994, to VSLA/Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tarzana, CA 91357. Checks can made be out to American Red Cross/Virginia Slims. Participants must be 18 years of age to participate.

The cards and letters collected will be bound in a souvenir scrapbook and presented to Martina on court during the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, August 8 - 14, and proceeds raised will be donated to the American Red Cross.

Top players joining Navratilova at the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles include Kimiko Date, Lindsay Davenport, Jana Novotna, Natalia Zvereva, Gabriela Sabatini, Zina Garrison Jackson and Lori McNeil. Tickets are on sale now with prices ranging from \$10 to \$30 and are available at Ticketmaster outlets including Music Plus or by calling the tournament office at 310/546-7753.

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VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES
AND
FANS OF MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

^{say}
"Farewell but not goodbye to a great athlete and humanitarian"

SAMPLE

July 14, 1994

Dear Martina:

I've enjoyed watching you play throughout
your illustrious career and wish you all the
best in your future.

Sincerely,
Staci

VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES AUGUST 8 - 14 MANHATTAN
COUNTRY CLUB

- o You can be part of a special tribute to Martina Navratilova, arguably the greatest player in the history of women's tennis, who is retiring from singles competition at the end of this year.
- o Join the 1994 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles and all of Martina's fans in saying "farewell but not goodbye" to this outstanding athlete. Your efforts will be acknowledged on-court during the August 8-14 tournament at the Manhattan Country Club.
- o Please write your personal best wishes to Martina in the above space to be included in a beautiful bound scrapbook.
- o As added support for this great humanitarian, we ask that you make a donation in the name of Martina Navratilova to the charity of her choice which benefits the January 17 earthquake victims.
- o Your note and donation of \$1.00 or more, made out to The American Red Cross Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund, can be mailed in the attached envelope or given to your club.
- o All participants must be eighteen (18) years or older.
- o Thank you for taking a moment to contribute to make Martina's final appearance in Los Angeles so special!

Virginia Slims of Los Angeles/Martina Navratilova Farewell, Post Office Box 570506 Tarzana, CA 91357-0506

Deadline August 1, 1994

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**MARTINA NAVRATILOVA TRIBUTE SCHEDULED AT
VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES
August 8 - 14, 1994**

July 13, 1994

We are delighted to have your club participate in a very special tribute for Martina Navratilova, which will celebrate her last singles appearance in Los Angeles. The Virginia Slims of Los Angeles is inviting all fans of Martina to write letters and donate \$1 (or more) to the American Red Cross to benefit the victims of the January 17 earthquake. The letters and donations will be presented on-court at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, August 8 - 14.

We truly appreciate your interest, involvement and cooperation in this farewell tribute. Included within this packet please find the following materials:

- o () Virginia Slims "Farewell but not goodbye" notes with attached self-addressed return envelope.
- o A laminated sample of the "Farewell but not goodbye" note.
- o A laminated explanation of the tribute - Attention: Martina Navratilova Fans.
- o One large self-addressed, stamped envelope to return notes dropped off at your pro shop.

Please display the notes, laminated sample and explanation at your club desk so that your members may participate in this tribute. Your members may mail the letter/donation in the envelope provided or return it to the club desk. All envelopes returned to the club desk can be mailed to us on August 1, in the large, self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Participants must be 18 years and older.

If you have any questions, comments or need more supplies, please call Kristy Barrett or Christine Calandra at (818)776-1244.

We thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

The Robbins Group

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Los Angeles Chapter
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(213) 739-5200

October 31, 1994

Christine Callandra
The Robbins Group
18425 Burbank Blvd.
No. 506
Tarzana, CA 91356

Dear Christine,

Thank you for supporting the services of the American Red Cross through coordinating our receipt of donations given on behalf of Martina Navratilova during her final singles appearance at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles Tennis Tournament in Manhattan Beach this past summer. To date we have received approximately \$3,798 to further support our much needed programs and services.

It is with heartfelt appreciation that I thank you for all your assistance with this most generous donation. As you can probably understand, this has been a year when our resources both financial as well as personnel have been stretched to the limit because of so many disasters.

Again, on behalf of all the members of the American Red Cross, Los Angeles Chapter, we extend our deepest thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Johnston".

Karen Johnston
Director
Special Events

**+\$2500 Tennis Racquet auction
+ more donation have been collected**



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August 18, 1994

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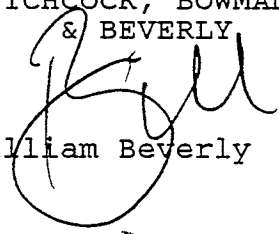
Re: Virginia Slims Tennis

Dear Kristy:

Just a note in lieu of an additional pat on the back for a job well done under very difficult circumstances on Saturday. Beyond the gratitude of the American Red Cross, I wanted to say thank you again personally. From the stands, everything looked completely under control.

Sincerely,

HITCHCOCK, BOWMAN, SCHACHTER
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William Beverly

WB/clc

**\$2,500 Martina tennis Racquet
auction. VSCLA 94.**

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Contact: Marcia Robbins
Kristy Barrett
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818/776-1244

Virginia Slims of Los Angeles
August 8 - 14, 1994

FACT SHEET

WHO: The nine-time and current defending champion, Martina Navratilova, the 1990 U.S. Open champion, Gabriela Sabatini, Zina Garrison Jackson, Jana Novotna, Pam Shriver and many more of the world's top players.

WHAT: Fifty-six women singles players and 28 top doubles teams will vie for \$400,000 in prize money with the singles winner receiving \$75,000. The August 8 - 14 tournament, now in its 23rd year and 12th at the Manhattan Country Club.

WHEN:	<u>Qualifying</u>	Saturday, August 6	10:00 am
		Sunday, August 7	10:00 am
	<u>Main Draw</u>	Monday, August 8	9:00 am/7:00 pm
		Tuesday, August 9	9:00 am/7:00 pm
		Wednesday, August 10	10:00 am/7:00 pm
		Thursday, August 11	11:00 am/7:00 pm
	<u>Quarterfinals</u>	Friday, August 12	11:30 am/7:00 p-m
	<u>Semi-finals</u>	Saturday, August 13	1:00 pm/7:00 pm
	<u>Finals</u>	Sunday, August 14	2:00 pm

TICKETS: Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$30. They are available at TicketMaster outlets including Music Plus or by calling the tournament office at 310/546-7753.

WHERE: The Manhattan Country Club, 1330 Park View Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. The club is located just off the 405 Freeway (Rosecrans exit), east of Sepulveda Blvd.

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VIRGINIA SLIMS TENNIS DRAW SHEET

VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES SINGLES MAIN DRAW

(1) G. MARTINEZ (ESP)	MARTINEZ	MARTINEZ		
BYE				
L. Raymond (USA)	Raymond	6-0, 3-6, 6-1		
(Q) R. Grande (ITA)	Grande	6-2, 5-3	MARTINEZ	6-0, 6-0
E. Likhovtseva (KAZ)	Likhovtseva	6-4, 6-1		
G. Fernandez (USA)	Fernandez	6-0, 3-6, 7-5		
(Q) E. de Lone (USA)	de Lone	7-6 (5), 7-5		
(16) P. SHRIVER (USA)	SHRIVER	6-0, 4-1	FRAZIER	6-4, 7-6 (1)
(10) A. FRAZIER (USA)	FRAZIER	6-1, 6-2		
A. Stansdove (CZE)	Stansdove	7-5, 7-5	FRAZIER	6-0, 7-5
C. Singer (GER)	Singer	6-4, 7-5		
J. Kruger (RSA)	Kruger	6-2, 6-1		
S. Rottier (NED)	Rottier			
J. Watanabe (USA)	Watanabe			
BYE				
(6) A. HUBER (GER)	HUBER			
(4) J. NOVOTNA (CZE)	NOVOTNA			
BYE				
K. Quentrec (FRA)	Quentrec	6-3, 6-2	NOVOTNA	6-3, 6-3
K. Kschwendt (GER)	Kschwendt	3-6, 6-2, 6-1		
L. Golarsa (ITA)	Golarsa	6-2, 6-4	FENDICK	3-6, 6-4, 6-1
A. Serra-Zanetti (ITA)	Serra-Zanetti	7-4, 7-6 (8)		
C. Kuhlman (USA)	Kuhlman	7-5, 6-2	Testud	6-3, 6-3
(12) P. FENDICK (USA)	FENDICK	6-1, 7-6 (3)	APPELMANS	5-7, 6-1, 7-5
(14) M. KOCHTA (GER)	Kochta	6-2, 6-3	APPELMANS	6-2, 1-6, 6-2
M. Gaidano (ARG)	Gaidano			
S. Testud (FRA)	Testud			
M. Bollermaef (NED)	Bollermaef			
T. Whitlinger-Jones (USA)	Whitlinger-Jones			
J. Syme (AUS)	Syme			
BYE				
(8) S. APPELMANS (BEL)	APPELMANS			
(J. HALARD (FRA)	HALARD			
BYE				
P. Suarez (ARG)	Suarez	6-4, 7-5	HALARD	6-4, 6-3
(WC) A. Mail (USA)	Mail	7-5, 6-3		
K. Nagatsuka (JPN)	Nagatsuka	4-6, 7-5, 7-3 (4)	Gavaldon	6-2, 6-1
N. Miyagi (JPN)	Miyagi	6-2, 6-2		
A. Gavaldon (MEX)	Gavaldon			
(11) N. MEDVEDEVA (UKR)	MEDVEDEVA			
(15) K. PO (USA)	PO			
K. Adams (USA)	Adams	6-3, 3-2	PO	3-6, 6-2, 6-4
R. McQuillan (AUS)	McQuillan	6-4, 7-5		
(Q) M. Mazzotta (VEN)	Mazzotta	6-2, 7-6 (1)	Hy	7-5, 6-0
(WC) P. Harner (USA)	Harner			
P. Hy (CAN)	Hy			
BYE				
(LL) M. Paz (ARG)	Paz			
(5) Z. GARRISON-JACKSON (USA)	GARRISON-JACKSON			
BYE				
(Q) M. Baudone (ITA)	Baudone	4-6, 6-3, 6-4	GARRISON-JACKSON	7-5, 1-6, 6-4
D. Graham (USA)	Graham	6-3, 6-4		
E. Martincova (CZE)	Martincova	6-2, 6-0		
A. Keller (USA)	Keller			
(Q) J. Nejedly (CAN)	Nejedly			
(9) N. TAUZIAT (FRA)	TAUZIAT			
(13) A. GROSSMAN (USA)	GROSSMAN			
T. Price (RSA)	Price			
(Q) Simpson-Alter (CAN)	Simpson-Alter	5-7, 6-3, 6-4	GROSSMAN	4-6, 7-5, 6-4
A. Carlsson (SWE)	Carlsson	6-3, 6-1		
(Q) F. Zuluaga (COL)	Zuluaga			
A. Dechaume-Balleret (FRA)	Dechaume-Balleret			
BYE				
(2) M. NAVRATILOVA (USA)	NAVRATILOVA	6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4)		

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VIRGINIA SLIMS TENNIS DRAW SHEET

MAIN DOUBLES DRAW

WTA TOUR

(1)	1 G. FERNANDEZ/NEILAND	G. FERNANDEZ/NEILAND			
	2 BYE				
	3 Durie/R.White	Durie/R. White	7-5, 5-7, 6-1		
	4 Lake/Steven	6-4, 6-2			
(WC)	5 Lee/Scott			HALARD/TAUZIAT	
	6 Nagatsuka/Papadaki	Nagatsuka/Papadaki	6-4, 7-5	6-3, 3-6, 6-3	
	7 MacGregor/Simpson-Alter	HALARD/TAUZIAT	6-3, 6-3		
(6)	8 HALARD/TAUZIAT	6-1, 6-4			HALARD/TAUZIAT
(4)	9 FENDICK/MEDVEDEVA	FENDICK/MEDVEDEVA			6-1, 6-4
	10 BYE				
	11 de Lone/Pratt	Likhovtseva/Singer	1-6, 6-3, 6-2		
	12 Likhovtseva/Singer	7-5, 6-4			
	13 Dechaume-Balleret/Quentrec			Likhovtseva/Singer	
	14 Frazier/Po	Frazier/Po	6-1, 6-2	6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (5)	
	15 Henricksson/Herrerman	Henricksson/Herrerman	6-2, 6-1		
(7)	16 HUBER/TARABINI	15-7, 6-4, 7-6 (0)			HALARD/TAUZIAT
(5)	17 ADAMS/GARRISON-JACKSON	ADAMS/GARRISON-JACKSON			6-1, 0-6, 6-1
	18 Gaidano/Suarez	7-5, 6-4			WINNER
	19 Hiraki/Price	Hiraki/Price	6-4, 4-6, 6-2		
(WC)	20 Harper/Nagelsen	7-5, 4-6, 6-2		NOVOTNA/RAYMOND	
	21 Grossman/Graham			6-1, 6-2	
(LL)	22 Kruger/ Van Rensburg	Grossman/Graham	6-1, 2-6, 6-4	NOVOTNA/RAYMOND	
	23 BYE			7-6 (5), 6-3	
(3)	24 NOVOTNA/RAYMOND	NOVOTNA/RAYMOND			NOVOTNA/RAYMOND
(8)	25 GOLARSA/PAZ	GOLARSA/PAZ			7-5, 6-2
	26 Appelmanns/McQuillan	6-4, 6-3			
	27 Fleming/Testud	Fleming/Testud	6-1, 6-2		
	28 Benjamin/Jones	6-3, 7-6 (1)			
	29 Byrne/Richardson	Carlsson/Jackson-Nobrega	6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-1		
	30 Carlsson/Jackson-Nobrega	6-3, 0-6, 6-3		BOLLEGRAF/NAVRATILOVA	
	31 BYE				
(2)	32 BOLLEGRAF/NAVRATILOVA	BOLLEGRAF/NAVRATILOVA	6-1, 6-3		

SEEDS

SITE Virginia Slims Of LA
 DATES August 8-14th
 PURSE \$400,000
 DRAW 28 Doubles
 SURFACE Hardcourt/Outdoor

1 G. FERNANDEZ/NEILAND
 2 BOLLEGRAF/NAVRATILOVA
 3 NOVOTNA/RAYMOND
 4 FENDICK/MEDVEDEVA
 5 ADAMS/GARRISON-JACKSON
 6 HALARD/TAUZIAT
 7 HUBER/TARABINI
 8 GOLARSA/PAZ

PRIZE MONEY

AWINNER	\$24,000
RUNNER-UP	\$12,000
3RD-4TH	\$6,000
5TH-8TH	\$3,000
9TH-16TH	\$1,600
17TH-32ND	\$800

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MALINGS

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**NAVRATILOVA AND PIERCE ENTER
\$400,000 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES
August 8 - 14, 1994**

LOS ANGELES (June 10, 1994) -- Defending champion, Martina Navratilova and Mary Pierce, tennis' new superstar, will headline the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, August 8 - 14, at the Manhattan Country Club. The tournament will mark Navratilova's final singles performance in Los Angeles. Pierce will command attention in Los Angeles as a newcomer to the Top 10 following her performance at the French Open.

A summer tradition in Southern California, the 1994 Virginia Slims of the Los Angeles, presented by BMW, is now in its 23rd year and 12th at the Manhattan Country Club. The 44th stop on the WTA Tour will consist of 56 singles players and 28 doubles teams with the winner in singles receiving \$80,000.

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Navratilova, the winningest player in the history of tennis and the No. 4 player in the Virginia Slims Rankings, will defend her 1993 title at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, an event she has won a record eight times. Navratilova's prestigious career consists of over 165 singles tournament titles and more than \$19 million in prize money. She is successfully holding on to her top five ranking, in this, her final year of singles competition, at age 37. In 1994, Navratilova has won the Open Gaz de France in Paris and reached the finals of the Pan Pacific and the Italian Opens, as well as the semifinals at Amelia Island.

Pierce vaulted into the Top 10 and is now ranked No. 7 in the Virginia Slims Rankings after her defeat of No. 1 player Steffi Graf at the French Open. Pierce is quickly becoming the hottest story in women's tennis and will be a strong force on the court in Los Angeles. In 1993, Pierce made her debut appearance at the Virginia Slims Championships and upset Gabriela Sabatini in the first round. To date in 1994, she has reached the finals of the Virginia Slims of Houston, the French Open and the semifinals at Hilton Head.

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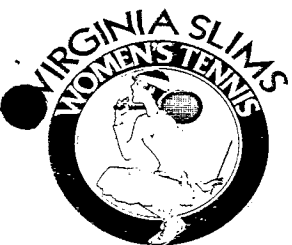
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The Virginia Slims of Los Angeles is one of six Virginia Slims sponsored events on the 1994 WTA Tour, which culminates in November with the season-ending \$3.5 million Virginia Slims Championships at New York's Madison Square Garden. The top 16 players and the top eight doubles teams, determined by points accumulated during the year, will vie for \$1 million in tournament prize money. The players will also be eligible to receive money from the \$2.5 million Virginia Slims Bonus Pool.

Tickets for the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles are on sale now. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$30. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets including Music Plus or by calling the tournament office at 310/546-7753.

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**SEVEN OF THE WORLD'S TOP 10 RANKED PLAYERS TO HOLD COURT
AT THE \$400,000 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES**

LOS ANGELES (June 25, 1994) -- Seven of the top 10 ranked players in the world have announced their entry into the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. The event, the 44th stop on the WTA Tour, will be played at the Manhattan Country Club, August 8 - 14 and is presented by BMW. The singles winner in the 56-player field will collect \$80,000. Jana Novotna, Kimiko Date, Natalia Zvereva, Lindsay Davenport and Gabriela Sabatini round-out the top 10 entries. They join Martina Navratilova (No. 4) who will make her final singles appearance in Los Angeles and Mary Pierce (No.8), new to the top 10 after reaching the finals of the French Open.

The Czech Republic-born **Novotna** is currently **No. 5** in the Virginia Slims Rankings and has reached the semi-finals of Hamburg and Berlin this season, and reached the finals of Wimbledon in 1993.

Date burst onto the scene at the 1991 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, where she became the first qualifier at a major tournament to reach the finals. Currently **No. 6** in the Virginia Slims Rankings, Date is in the midst of her finest season, capturing singles titles at Sydney, the Japan Open and reaching the semi-finals of the Australian Open and Strasbourg.

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Zvereva, a native of Belarus, took the title at this year's Virginia Slims of Chicago and is currently **No. 7** in the Virginia Slims Rankings. She has also reached the finals of the Lipton Championships and Hilton Head, and also partners with Gigi Fernandez to compose the number one doubles team in the world.

Davenport, a native of Southern California, graduated from Murrieta (CA) High School in June, recently celebrated her 18th birthday and broke into the top 10. She currently holds the **No. 9** position in the Virginia Slims Rankings and has earned two wins this year at Brisbane and Lucerne.

Sabatini of Argentina is holding firm at **No. 10** in the Virginia Slims Rankings. To date in 1994, she has reached the finals at Amelia Island and Strasbourg and the semi-finals at Sydney and the Australian Open. Sabatini captured titles at the 1990 U.S Open and the 1988 Virginia Slims Championships.

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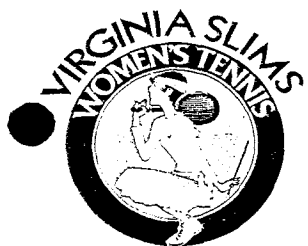
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Southern California BMW Dealers
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VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES

August 8 - 14, 1994

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**** ATTENTION: MARTINA NAVRATILOVA FANS ****

**Tribute Scheduled at
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August 8-14**

LOS ANGELES, CA (July 12, 1994) -- The Virginia Slims of Los Angeles is asking all fans of Martina Navratilova to participate in a tribute to her final singles appearance in Los Angeles by writing letters wishing "farewell, but not goodbye" to perhaps the greatest player in the history of women's tennis.

In appreciation for the support Navratilova has received in Los Angeles, she has joined forces with the American Red Cross, to raise money for the Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund benefiting the victims of the January 17 earthquake.

All Navratilova fans are invited to pen their message and kind wishes and make a donation in her name of \$1 (or more) to be donated to the earthquake victims. Through the support of tennis clubs and organizations, Navratilova will be given a grand slam style farewell and the opportunity to give something back to the people of Los Angeles.

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Letters and donations should be sent by August 1, 1994, to VSLA/Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tarzana, CA 91357. Checks can be made out to American Red Cross/Virginia Slims. Participants must be 18 years of age to participate.

The cards and letters collected will be bound in a souvenir scrapbook and presented to Martina on court during the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, August 8 - 14, and proceeds raised will be donated to the American Red Cross.

"The American Red Cross extends a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Martina Navratilova, one of the greatest tennis players in history and also a tremendous humanitarian who reaches out regularly to lend a hand for those less fortunate world wide," commented Karen Johnston, Special Events Director, The American Red Cross.

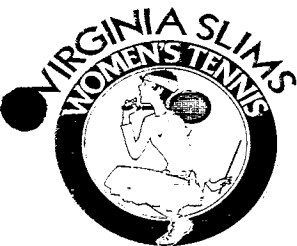
Top players joining Navratilova at the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles include Kimiko Date, Lindsay Davenport, Jana Novotna, Natalia Zvereva, Gabriela Sabatini, Zina Garrison Jackson and Lori McNeil. The 44th stop on the WTA Tour will be played at the Manhattan Country Club, August 8 - 14, 1994. The singles winner in the 56-player field will collect \$80,000.

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ZINA GARRISON JACKSON JOINS TOP PLAYERS IN THE \$400,000 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES

MARY PIERCE WITHDRAWS

Los Angeles, CA (July 12, 1994) -- Zina Garrison Jackson is the latest entry in the distinguished line-up for the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. She will join 56 of the best women's tennis players in the world August 8 - 14, at the Manhattan Country Club.

Garrison Jackson, currently number 12 in the Virginia Slims Rankings, has won more than a dozen titles in her career. Last year she reached a milestone, becoming only the 12th women in history to win 500 matches in her career.

Eighth ranked Mary Pierce, who recently skipped Wimbledon, has rearranged her tour schedule and withdrawn from this year's Los Angeles event, according to Peachy Kellmeyer, Director of International Operations at the WTA.

The 1994 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles field remains one of the strongest on the tour with Martina Navratilova (No. 4), Kimiko Date (No. 5), Lindsay Davenport (No. 6), Jana Novotna (No. 7), Natalia Zvereva (No. 9), Gabriela Sabatini (No. 10) and Lori McNeil (No. 15).

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July 12, 1994

Dear Members of the Media:

The \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, presented by BMW, August 8 - 14, will be held for the 23rd year in Los Angeles and the 12th year at the Manhattan Country Club, 1330 Park View Drive, Manhattan Beach, CA.

In order to accomodate your needs for this tournament, please complete the credential application form below and return it to:

Kristy Barrett
The Robbins Group
18425 Burbank Blvd., Suite 506
Tarzana, CA 91356

Phone 818/776-1244, ext. 17
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*23rd year of women's professional tennis in Los Angeles

*32-player Qualifying Draw is August 6 & 7.

*56-player Main Draw consists of day and evening matches Monday thru Saturday.

<u>QUARTERFINALS:</u>	Friday, August 12	11:00am/7:00pm
<u>SEMI-FINALS:</u>	Saturday, August 13	1:00pm/7:00pm
<u>FINALS:</u>	Sunday, August 14	2:00pm

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DATE WITHDRAWS FROM VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, CA (August 1, 1994) -- Kimiko Date has withdrawn from the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles due to a sprained ankle.

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SABATINI AND ZVEREVA WITHDRAW FROM VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, CA (August 4, 1994) -- Gabriela Sabatini and Natalia Zvereva have withdrawn from the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles due to injuries. Sabatini has tendinitis of the right shoulder and Zvereva has a stress fracture of the rib cage.

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MCNEIL WITHDRAWS FROM VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES (August 5, 1994) -- Lori McNeil has withdrawn from the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, due to a knee injury.

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WIMBLEDON WINNER CONCHITA MARTINEZ ENTERS THE \$400,000 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, CA (August 6, 1994) -- Wimbledon champion, Conchita Martinez, has announced her entry into the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. Martinez, No. 3 in the Virginia Slims Rankings, has won three tournaments this year in addition to her Wimbledon crown, including the US Hard Courts last week in Stratton, VT. The Virginia Slims of Los Angeles will mark the first time that Martinez and Martina Navratilova will have a chance to meet since their epic three-set final at Wimbledon.

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DAVENPORT FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM \$400,000 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES

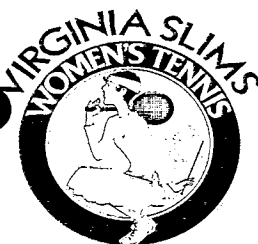
AUGUST 9, 1994 (LOS ANGELES) -- LINDSAY DAVENPORT HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES DUE TO A PULLED CALF MUSCLE IN THE LEFT LEG.

DAVENPORT SUFFERED THE INJURY LAST WEEK AT THE TOSHIBA TENNIS CLASSIC IN SAN DIEGO DURING A ROUND OF 16 VICTORY AGAINST ANN GROSSMAN. SHE WITHDREW FROM HER NEXT MATCH AND HAD HOPED THAT SEVERAL DAYS OF TREATMENT AND REST WOULD ENABLE HER TO PLAY IN LOS ANGELES. "IT JUST HASN'T IMPROVED MUCH AT ALL", SAID DAVENPORT. "I'M GOING TO GO FOR FURTHER EVALUATION TOMORROW".

DAVENPORT HAS NO PLANS TO PLAY ANY TOURNAMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND THE U.S. OPEN. HER PLACE IN THE DRAW WILL BE TAKEN BY MERCEDES PAZ.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL BILLIE JEAN KING SERVICE AWARD
HONORS LEE JACKSON
AT THE
THE \$400,000 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES (August 11, 1994) -- The seventh annual Billie Jean King Service Award, created by and presented annually at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, will be presented to Lee Jackson, WTA Tour Player/Sponsor Liaison, tonight at the 1994 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles at the Manhattan Country Club. The award will be presented by last years recipient, Tracy Austin.

Designed to recognize outstanding contribution and service to the sport, the Billie Jean King Award is given to an individual who elevates and furthers the game as King has over the years. Previous recipients include Chris Evert in 1988, Ted Tinling in 1989, Martina Navratilova in 1990, Zina Garrison Jackson in 1991, Pam Shriver in 1992

Lee, who resides in Bronxville, NY, began working on the women's pro tour in 1975 as a tour referee and has since helped steer palyers in the right direction on and off the court. To the players, she is a confidante, parent away from home and a friend. Lee holds a very special place in the sport of women's tennis.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Readership</u>
5/25	Los Angeles Times	Tennis Column	1,164,338	2,911,000
Sum.	Tennis West	Sabatini Feature	40,000	100,000
Sum.	Tennis West	Advance	40,000	100,000
Sum.	Tennis West	Navratilova Enters	40,000	100,000
6/1	Los Angeles Tennis	Advance	28,600	51,500
6/23	Watts Star Review	Navratilova/Pierce Enter	30,000	75,000
6/23	L.A. Herald Dispatch	Navratilova/Pierce Enter	39,500	100,000
6/27	Los Angeles Daily News	Tennis Notes Column	148,133	370,000
6/28	Los Angeles Times	Malamud Column	1,164,338	2,911,000
6/28	USA Today	Williams Enters	1,557,171	3,893,000
7/3	Ventura Star Free Press	Tennis Column	47,189	118,000
7/6	L.A. Bay News Observer	7 of Top 10 Players Enter	43,000	107,500
7/8	Beverly Hills Today	7 of Top 10 Players Enter	13,000	32,500
7/11	Orange County Register	Martinez Feature	307,776	770,000
7/13	Orange County Register	Pierce Withdraws	307,776	770,000
7/13	Los Angeles Times	Garrison-Jackson Enters	1,164,338	2,911,000
7/15	Los Angeles Times	Morning Briefing/Martina	1,164,338	2,911,000
7/15	South Bay Daily Breeze	Venus Williams Feature	85,000	212,500
7/18	Orange County Register	Tennis Notes Column	307,776	770,000
7/20	San Pedro News Pilot	Briefing Note	16,500	41,000
7/21	Beach Reporter	Re/Max Sponsorship	40,000	100,000
7/21	L.A. Bay News Observer	Garrison-Jackson Enters	43,000	107,500
7/21	L.A. Herald Dispatch	Garrison-Jackson Enters	39,500	100,000
7/21	Watts Times	Garrison-Jackson Enters	25,000	62,500
7/28	Tennis Week Magazine	Navratilova Tribute	86,000	215,000
7/28	L.A. Bay News Observer	7 of Top 10 Players Enter	43,000	107,500
7/28	Westchester News	Advance	17,000	42,500
7/28	Watts Star Review	Navratilova Tribute	30,000	75,000
7/30	Los Angeles Times	Tennis Column	1,164,338	2,911,000
7/30	Los Angeles Times	Garrison-Jackson Feature	1,164,338	2,911,000
7/31	Los Angeles Times	Navratilova Feature	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/4	Easy Reader	Rayor Sponsorship	60,000	150,000
8/4	Easy Reader	Navratilova Farewell	60,000	150,000
8/4	Palisadian Post	Navratilova Tribute	6,000	15,000
8/4	L.A. Bay News Observer	Garrison-Jackson Photo	43,000	107,500
8/4	Los Angeles Sentinel	Venus Williams Update	38,000	95,000
8/4	USA Today	Navratilova/U.S. Open	1,557,171	3,893,000
8/4	Beach Reporter	Advance	40,000	100,000
8/5	Newhall Signal	Sabatini Withdraws	46,000	115,000
8/5	San Bernadino Sun	Sabatini Withdraws	82,573	206,500
8/5	Los Angeles Times	Navratilova Tribute	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/5	South Bay Daily Breeze	Sabatini Withdraws	85,000	221,500

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8/5	Los Angeles Times	Sabatini Withdraws	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/5	USA Today	Sabatini Withdraws	1,936,112	4,840,280
8/5	San Pedro News Pilot	Sabatini Withdraws	16,500	41,000
8/5	Riverside Enterprise	Sabatini Withdraws	140,941	352,500
8/6	San Pedro News Pilot	McNeil Withdraws	16,500	41,000
8/6	Orange County Register	McNeil Withdraws	307,776	770,000
8/6	Los Angeles Times	McNeil Withdraws	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/6	Daily Californian	Davenport Status	115,002	287,500
8/7	Los Angeles Times	Martinez Enters	1,531,527	3,829,000
8/7	Riverside Enterprise	Davenport Status	141,148	353,000
8/7	L.B. Press-Telegram	Tournament Advance	141,646	354,000
8/7	South Bay Daily Breeze	Tournament Advance	122,000	305,000
<u>8/7</u>	<u>Los Angeles Daily News</u>	<u>Tournament Advance</u>	<u>161,142</u>	<u>403,000</u>
		subtotal:	21,556,537	53,891,500

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Readership</u>
7/28	Santa Monica Outlook	Society/Martina Tribute	30,000	75,000
8/1	Black Employment Dir.	Advance	30,000	75,000
8/1	So. California Visitor	Calendar Listing	30,000	75,000
8/1	Los Angeles Magazine	Calendar Listing	172,000	430,000
8/1	Inland Empire Magazine	Calendar Listing	16,000	40,000
8/1	Valley Magazine	Calendar Listing	15,477	39,000
8/1	Westways	Calendar Listing	460,428	1,151,000
8/4	Key Magazine	Calendar Listing	21,000	52,500
<u>8/5</u>	<u>Entertainment Today</u>	<u>Navratilova Tribute</u>	<u>76,000</u>	<u>190,000</u>
		subtotal:	850,905	2,127,500

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EVENT/SPORTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Readership</u>
8/8	Pasadena Star-News	Tournament Advance	43,000	129,000
8/8	Orange County Register	Martinez Likes Chances	307,776	769,500
8/8	South Bay Daily Breeze	Tournament Advance	85,000	221,500
8/8	Whittier Daily News	Tournament Advance	16,700	42,000
8/8	Los Angeles Times	Tournament Advance	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/9	Los Angeles Times	Jim Murray Column	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/9	San Pedro News Pilot	Tournament Coverage	16,500	41,000
8/9	Orange County Register	Tournament Coverage	307,776	769,500
8/9	Los Angeles Times	Tournament Coverage	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/9	Orange County Register	Navratilova Feature	307,776	769,500
8/9	South Bay Daily Breeze	Tournament Coverage	85,000	221,500
8/9	Desert Sun	Navratilova Feature	33,227	830,500
8/9	San Gabriel Daily Tribune	Navratilova Feature	59,500	149,000
8/9	Whittier Daily News	Navratilova Feature	16,700	41,500
8/9	Riverside Enterprise	Navratilova Feature	140,941	352,500
8/9	Pasadena Star News	Navratilova Feature	43,000	107,500
8/9	San Pedro News Pilot	Tour Feature	16,500	41,000
8/10	South Bay Daily Breeze	Po Feature	85,000	221,500
8/10	San Pedro News Pilot	Davenport Withdraws	16,500	41,000
8/10	Riverside Enterprise	New Wave of Players	140,941	352,500
8/10	Orange County Register	Davenport Withdraws	307,776	769,500
8/10	South Bay Daily Breeze	Navratilova Tribute	85,000	221,500
8/10	Los Angeles Times	Tournament Coverage	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/10	South Bay Daily Breeze	Navratilova Feature	85,000	221,500
8/10	South Bay Daily Breeze	Davenport Withdraws	85,000	221,500
8/10	Los Angeles Daily News	Tournament Coverage	148,133	370,000
8/10	Orange County Register	Tournament Coverage	307,776	769,500
8/10	LaOpinion	Tournament Coverage	103,000	257,500
8/10	San Gabriel Daily Tribune	Shriver Feature	59,500	149,000
8/10	Pasadena Star News	Shriver Feature	43,000	107,500
8/10	USA Today	Tournament Coverage	1,557,171	3,893,000
8/11	Watts Star Review	Garrison-Jackson photo	30,000	75,000
8/11	Los Angeles Sentinel	Tournament Advance	38,000	95,000
8/11	Santa Monica Outlook	Tournament Coverage	30,000	75,000
8/11	San Pedro News Pilot	Tournament Coverage	16,500	41,000
8/11	Los Angeles Times	Tournament Coverage	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/11	Pasadena Star News	Tournament Coverage	43,000	107,500
8/11	Easy Reader	Tournament Advance	60,000	150,000
8/11	Easy Reader	Navratilova Tribute	60,000	150,000
8/11	Riverside Enterprise	Tournament Coverage	140,941	352,500

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8/11	San Gabriel Daily Tribune	Tournament Coverage	59,500	149,000
8/11	Santa Monica Outlook	Martinez Feature	30,000	75,000
8/11	South Bay Daily Breeze	Martinez Feature	85,000	221,500
8/11	San Pedro News Pilot	Martinez Feature	16,500	41,000
8/11	Los Angeles Daily News	Tournament Coverage	148,133	370,000
8/11	USA Today	Tournament Coverage	1,557,171	3,893,000
8/12	Whittier News	Tournament Coverage	16,700	41,500
8/12	San Pedro News Pilot	Tournament Coverage	16,500	41,000
8/12	L.B. Press Telegram	Calendar Listing	129,472	324,000
8/12	Palm Springs Desert Sun	Brief for Inside Story	33,227	83,000
8/12	Pasadena Star News	Tournament Coverage	43,000	107,500
8/12	Los Angeles Daily News	Tournament Coverage	148,133	370,000
8/12	Los Angeles Times	Tournament Coverage	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/12	Orange County Register	Tournament Coverage	307,776	769,500
8/12	LaOpinion	Tournament Coverage	103,000	257,500
8/12	South Bay Daily Breeze	Tournament Coverage	85,000	221,500
8/12	Riverside Enterprise	Tournament Coverage	140,941	352,500
8/13	South Bay Daily Breeze	Navratilova Status	85,000	221,500
8/13	South Bay Daily Breeze	1995 Tourney Status	85,000	221,500
8/13	South Bay Daily Breeze	Tournament Coverage	85,000	221,500
8/13	San Pedro News Pilot	Navratilova Status	16,500	41,000
8/13	San Pedro News Pilot	Tournament Coverage	16,500	41,000
8/13	Santa Monica Outlook	Navratilova Status	30,000	75,000
8/13	L.B. Press Telegram	Calendar Listing	129,472	324,000
8/13	Riverside Enterprise	Tournament Coverage	140,941	352,500
8/13	Desert Sun	Tournament Coverage	33,227	830,500
8/13	San Gabriel Daily Tribune	Tournament Coverage	59,500	149,000
8/13	Santa Monica Outlook	Tournament Coverage	30,000	75,000
8/13	Orange County Register	Tournament Coverage	307,776	769,500
8/13	Los Angeles Daily News	Tournament Coverage	148,133	370,000
8/13	Los Angeles Times	Tournament Coverage	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/14	Orange County Register	Tournament Coverage	415,429	1,038,500
8/14	Riverside Enterprise	Tournament Coverage	141,148	353,000
8/14	South Bay Daily Breeze	Tournament Coverage	122,000	305,000
8/14	Los Angeles Times	Tournament Coverage	1,531,527	3,829,000
8/14	Los Angeles Times	Tennis Column	1,531,527	3,829,000
8/14	LaOpinion	Tournament Coverage	103,000	257,500
8/14	L.B. Press Telegram	Tournament Coverage	138,253	345,500
8/15	Los Angeles Daily News	Tournament Coverage	161,142	403,000
8/15	Riverside Enterprise	Tournament Coverage	140,941	352,500
8/15	Los Angeles Times	Navratilova Open Status	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/15	Riverside Enterprise	Tournament Coverage	140,941	352,500
8/15	South Bay Daily Breeze	Tournament Coverage	85,000	221,500

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Event/Sports (cont.)

8/15	L.B. Press Telegram	Tournament Coverage	129,472	324,000
8/15	Inland Valley Bulletin	Paul Helm Column	100,000	250,000
8/15	LaOpinion	Tournament Coverage	103,000	257,500
8/15	San Diego Union Tribune	Tournament Coverage	392,388	981,000
8/15	Los Angeles Daily News	Tournament Coverage	148,133	370,000
8/15	Los Angeles Times	Tournament Coverage	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/15	Los Angeles Times	Downey Column/Frazier	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/15	Pasadena Star News	Tournament Coverage	43,000	107,500
8/15	Santa Monica Outlook	Tournament Coverage	30,000	75,000
8/15	San Gabriel Daily Tribune	Tournament Coverage	59,500	149,000
8/15	Whittier News	Tournament Coverage	16,700	41,500
8/15	<u>Los Angeles Daily News</u>	<u>Tennis Column</u>	<u>148,133</u>	<u>370,000</u>
	subtotal:		26,303,380	65,758,500

EVENT/WIRE STORIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Readership</u>
8/9	Simi Valley Enterprise	Wire Story	16,500	41,000
8/9	Thousand Oaks Chronicle	Wire Story	24,596	61,500
8/9	Redlands Daily Facts	Wire Story	9,530	24,000
8/9	Temecula Californian	Wire Story	5,874	14,500
8/9	Palm Springs Desert Sun	Wire Story	33,227	83,000
8/9	Inland Valley Bulletin	Wire Story	100,000	250,000
8/9	LaOpinion	Wire Story	103,000	257,500
8/9	L.B. Press Telegram	Wire Story	129,472	323,500
8/10	Newhall Signal	Wire Story	46,000	115,000
8/10	Glendale News Press	Wire Story	30,126	75,000
8/10	Santa Maria Times	Wire Story	21,000	52,500
8/10	L.B. Press Telegram	Wire Story	129,472	323,500
8/10	Palm Springs Desert Sun	Wire Story	33,227	83,000
8/11	Whittier Daily News	Wire Story	16,700	41,500
8/11	Newhall Signal	Wire Story	46,000	115,000
8/11	Victor Valley Daily Press	Wire Story	24,684	62,000
8/11	Glendale News Press	Wire Story	30,126	75,500
8/11	El Mexicano	Wire Story	50,000	125,000
8/11	Palm Springs Desert Sun	Wire Story	33,227	83,000
8/11	Antelope Valley Press	Wire Story	60,000	150,000
8/11	San Bernadino Sun	Wire Story	82,573	206,500
8/11	L.B. Press Telegram	Wire Story	129,472	323,500
8/11	Inland Valley Bulletin	Wire Story	100,000	250,000
8/11	El Sol de Tijuana	Wire Story	50,000	125,000
8/12	Glendale News Press	Wire Story	30,126	75,500
8/12	San Bernadino Sun	Wire Story	82,573	206,500

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Media Summary (page 6)
Event/Wire Stories (cont.)

8/12	Hi Desert Sun	Wire Story	10,500	26,000
8/12	Thousand Oaks Chronicle	Wire Story	24,596	61,000
8/12	Victory Valley Daily Press	Wire Story	24,684	62,000
8/12	Newhall Signal	Wire Story	46,000	115,000
8/12	Santa Barbara Press	Wire Story	52,000	130,000
8/12	L.B. Press Telegram	Wire Story	129,472	323,500
8/12	Inland Valley Bulletin	Wire Story	100,000	250,000
8/12	Palm Springs Desert Sun	Wire Story	33,227	83,000
8/13	Simi Valley Enterprise	Wire Story	16,500	41,000
8/13	Antelope Valley Press	Wire Story	60,000	150,000
8/13	LaOpinion	Wire Story	103,000	257,500
8/13	Victor Valley Daily Press	Wire Story	24,684	62,000
8/13	Santa Maria Times	Wire Story	21,000	52,500
8/13	Glendale News Press	Wire Story	30,126	75,500
8/13	Hemet News	Wire Story	14,798	37,000
8/13	Thousand Oaks Chronicle	Wire Story	24,596	61,000
8/13	Newhall Signal	Wire Story	46,000	115,000
8/13	L.B. Press Telegram	Wire Story	129,472	323,500
8/13	Inland Valley Bulletin	Wire Story	100,000	250,000
8/13	Santa Barbara Press	Wire Story	52,000	130,000
8/14	San Gabriel Daily Tribune	Grossman Photo	81,200	203,000
8/14	Daily Californian	Wire Story	115,002	287,500
8/14	Simi Valley Enterprise	Wire Story	16,500	41,000
8/14	LaOpinion	Wire Story	103,000	257,500
8/14	Palm Springs Desert Sun	Wire Story	33,227	83,000
8/14	Newhall Signal	Wire Story	46,000	115,000
8/14	Inland Valley Bulletin	Wire Story	100,000	250,000
8/14	San Bernadino Sun	Wire Story	88,328	221,000
8/14	Pasadena Star News	Wire Story	43,000	107,500
8/14	Whittier News	Wire Story	16,700	41,500
8/15	Santa Maria Times	Wire Story	21,000	52,500
8/15	Santa Maria Times	Wire Story	21,000	52,500
8/15	Simi Valley Enterprise	Wire Story	16,500	41,000
8/15	Barstow Desert Dispatch	Wire Story	8,000	20,000
8/15	San Bernadino Sun	Wire Story	82,573	206,500
8/15	Palm Springs Desert Sun	Wire Story	33,227	83,000
8/15	Glendale News Press	Wire Story	30,126	75,500
8/15	Newhall Signal	Wire Story	46,000	115,000
8/15	Thousand Oaks Chronicle	Wire Story	24,596	61,000
8/15	Lompac Record	Wire Story	10,008	25,000
8/15	Victor Valley Daily Press	Wire Story	24,684	62,000
8/15	Riverside Enterprise	Wire Story	140,941	352,500
8/15	Santa Barbara Press	Wire Story	52,000	130,000

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Event/Wire Stories (cont.)

8/15	Ventura Star Free-Press	Wire Story	47,189	118,000
8/15	Inland Valley Bulletin	Wire Story	100,000	250,000
8/13	<u>L.B. Press Telegram</u>	<u>Wire Story</u>	<u>129,472</u>	<u>324,000</u>
		subtotal:	3,860,533	9,651,500

EVENT/OFF-SPORTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Readership</u>
8/10	Edge	Navratilova Tribute	20,000	50,000
8/11	Real Estate Weekly	Color Photo	25,000	62,500
8/11	Tu Mundo	Calendar Listing	100,000	250,000
8/11	Beach Reporter	Navratilova Tribute	40,000	100,000
8/12	Whittier Daily News	Calendar Listing	16,700	42,000
8/12	L.A. Weekly	Navratilova Feature	65,000	162,500
8/12	Los Angeles Times	Photo/Article about Heat	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/14	L.A. Times Valley Edition	Official Feature	1,164,338	2,911,000
8/14	Whittier News	Article about Heat	16,700	41,500
8/15	<u>South Bay Daily Breeze</u>	<u>Tobacco Protest</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>221,500</u>
		subtotal:	2,697,076	6,742,500

POST-EVENT/SPORTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Readership</u>
8/16	Temecula Californian	Tennis vs. Golf Column	5,874	15,000
8/18	Beach Reporter	Frazier Photo	40,000	100,000
8/18	Watts Times	Tournament Coverage	25,000	62,500
8/18	Easy Reader	Tournament Coverage	60,000	150,000
8/19	Excelsior	Tournament Coverage	35,000	87,500
9/1	Easy Reader	Grossman Feature	60,000	150,000
10/1	Tennis Magazine	Martinez at Beach	800,000	2,000,000
		Volleyball Tournament		
10/1	<u>Los Angeles Tennis</u>	<u>Tournament Coverage</u>	<u>28,600</u>	<u>51,500</u>
		subtotal:	1,064,474	2,661,000

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POST-EVENT/OFF-SPORTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Readership</u>
8/17	Update	Navratilova photo	25,000	62,500
8/18	Argonaut	Pro Am Participant Photo	38,500	96,000
8/25	Watts Times	Garrison-Jackson Photo	25,000	62,500
9/8	Playa Del Rey News	Slims mention in ReMax Photo	5,000	12,500
12/1	Volleyball Monthly	Photo of Players at Beach Volleyball Tourney	70,000	175,000
		subtotal:	163,500	408,500

Grand Total

	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Readership</u>
Pre-Event/Sports	21,556,537	53,891,500
Pre-Event/Off-Sports	850,905	2,127,500
Event/Sports	26,303,380	65,758,500
Event/Wire Stories	3,860,533	9,651,500
Event/Off-Sports	2,697,076	6,742,500
Post-Event/Sports	1,064,474	2,661,500
<u>Post-Event/Off-Sports</u>	<u>163,500</u>	<u>408,500</u>
	56,496,405#	141,241,000#

-- Numbers reflect southern California media impressions and do not include national and international placements generated by both the tournament and the Martina Navratilova tribute. We have concluded that a minimum of media in 15 states and 10 countries ran a version of the Martina tribute information based on the wide range of responses.

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Client: THE ROBBINS GARDEN

Subject: V.A. SLIMS OF LA

	STATION	TIME	DATE	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
1	KTLA CH 5	10:40p	8/7/94	Sports	F/V/C Gigi Fernandez
2	KABC CH 7	4:23p	8/8/94	Sports	F/ Zena Garrison
3	PrimeTime	10:10p	8/8/94	Sports	F/of the tournament
4	KCOP-13	10:29p	8/8/94	Sports	F/V/C Martina Navratilova
5	KTLA CH 5	10:54p	8/8/94	Sports	F/V/C Martina Navratilova
6	KABC CH 7	5:50p	8/9/94	Sports	S/N on the tournament
7	KNBC CH 4	6:23p	8/9/94	Sports	S/N of the tournament
8	PrimeTime	10:23p	8/9/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
9	KTLA CH 5	10:55p	8/9/94	Sports	S/N of the tournament
10	KABC CH 7	11:23p	8/9/94	Sports	S/N of the tournament
11	KNBC CH 4	11:25p	8/9/94	Sports	S/N of the tournament
12	KCBS CH 2	6:24p	8/10/94	Sports	F/V/C Pam Shriver
13	KCAL CH 9	9:50p	8/10/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
14	PrimeTime	10:16p	8/10/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
15	KTTV-11	10:50p	8/10/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
16	KTLA CH 5	10:55p	8/10/94	Sports	S/N of the tournament
17	KABC CH 7	5:46p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
18	KCBS CH 2	6:22p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
19	KCAL CH 9	8:37p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
20	KCAL CH 9	9:43p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
21	PrimeTime	10:18p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
22	KCOP-13	10:27p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
23	KTTV-11	10:52p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
24	KCAL CH 9	10:53p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
25	KTLA CH 5	10:54p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
26	KABC CH 7	11:24p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
27	KNBC CH 4	11:25p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
28	KCBS CH 2	11:29p	8/11/94	Sports	F/ of the tournament
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Client: THE ROBBINS GROUPSubject: U.A. SUMM OF LA

	STATION	TIME	DATE	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
1	KCBS CH 2	6:23p	8/12/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
2	KNBC CH 4	6:23p	8/12/94	News/Sports	S/N of the tournament
3	KTTV-11	10:50p	8/12/94	News/Sports	S/N of the tournament
4	KTLA CH 5	10:55p	8/12/94	News/Sports	S/N of the tournament
5	KABC CH 7	11:23p	8/12/94	News/Sports	S/N of the tournament
6	KNBC CH 4	11:26p	8/12/94	News/Sports	S/N of the tournament
7	KCBS CH 2	5:22p	8/13/94	News/Sports	S/N of the tournament
8	KNBC CH 4	5:44p	8/13/94	News/Sports	S/N of the tournament
9	KTTV CH 11	10:49p	8/13/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
10	KTLA CH 5	10:56p	8/13/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
11	KNBC CH 4	11:15p	8/13/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
12	KABC CH 7	6:18p	8/14/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
13	KTLA CH 5	10:40p	8/14/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
14	KTTV CH 11	10:50p	8/14/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
15	KNBC CH 4	11:18p	8/14/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
16	KCBS CH 2	11:36p	8/14/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
17	KABC CH 7	11:36p	8/14/94	News/Sports	F/ of the tournament
18	KNBC CH 4	6:45a	8/15/94	Today in LA	F/ of the tournament
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DATE	8/8/94	T/D	8/11/94

Virginia Slims Tournament

Manhattan Beach, California

8/08/94 KNX 9:46 am News
19 matches scheduled today in Manhattan Beach, for the start
of Virginia Slims Open number nine; Natalie Zvereva in
action.

8/08/94 KFWB 9:47 am News
Tennis action today; Manhattan Beach will host the event.

8/08/94 KFWB 10:15 am News
Tournament in Manhattan Beach starts today; Conchita Martinez
entered; Martina Navratilova making her L.A. farewell.

8/08/94 KFWB 11:15 am News
Manhattan Beach Tennis Open started today; First Round byes
for Conchita Martinez, Martina Navratilova, Lindsey
Davenport, and Natalia Zvereva.

8/08/94 KNX 11:15 am News
Manhattan Beach Tennis Open begins today; names of winners,
names of First Round byes.

8/08/94 KFWB 11:46 am News
Tennis in Manhattan Beach underway; names of winners.

8/08/94 KNX 12:16 pm News
Repeat of 11:15 am.

8/08/94 KNX 1:16 pm News
Repeat of 11:15 am.

8/08/94 KFWB 1:16 pm News
Repeat of 11:46 am.

8/08/94 KNX 1:46 pm News
"The \$400,000.00 Slims event getting underway today at
Manhattan Beach." Names of winners.

8/08/94 KFWB 1:46 pm News
Tennis in Manhattan Beach; First Round winners announced.

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8/08/94 KFWB 2:17 pm News
Pro tennis in Manhattan Beach; names of winners.

8/08/94 KNX 2:46 pm News
The Manhattan Beach Virginia Slims event; First Round byes for the top seeds; names of winners.

8/08/94 KFWB 3:17 pm News
Manhattan Beach tennis; winners announced.

8/08/94 KFWB 3:47 pm News
Repeat of 2:17 pm.

8/08/94 KNX 4:47 pm News
Repeat of 1:46 pm.

8/08/94 KFWB 4:47 pm News
Names of winners at Manhattan Beach.

8/08/94 KNX 5:17 pm News
Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament in Manhattan Beach; names of winners.

8/08/94 KFWB 5:17 pm News
Names of winners at women's tennis tournament in Manhattan Beach.

8/08/94 KFWB 5:47 pm News
Repeat of 5:17 pm.

8/08/94 KFWB 6:17 pm News
Repeat of 5:17.

8/08/94 KNX 6:47 pm News
Manhattan Beach the site of the \$400,000.00 Slims event getting underway; top seeds get First Round byes; names of winners.

8/08/94 KFWB 6:47 pm News
Debbie Graham of Fountain Valley one of the winners today at women's tennis tournament in Manhattan Beach.

8/08/94 KNX 7:18 pm News
Play resumes tonight at Manhattan Country Club, as \$400,000.00 Slims event opened today. Pam Shriver vs Erica Delone.

8/08/94 KFWB 7:46 pm News
Kimberly Cole, Debbie Graham, Lisa Raymond, Ann Grossman: all First Round winners today in Manhattan Beach Tennis Tournament.

8/08/94 KNX 8:17 pm News
The \$400,000.00 Slims event underway in Manhattan Beach; Pam Shriver trailing Erica Delone.

8/08/94 KNX 8:48 pm News
Tennis in Manhattan Beach: opening round of Virginia Slims event; Pam Shriver leads Erica Delone.

8/08/94 KFWB 9:17 pm News
Women's tennis at Manhattan Beach; names of First Round winners.

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PGM Various News (Radio)
STN Various
TIME Various
DATE 8/12/94

ATTN Kristy Barrett

T/D 8/26/94

Virginia Slims Tournament

Manhattan Beach, California

8/12/94 KFI 6:05 am News
Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament; Ann Grossman defeated
Martina Navratilova.

8/12/94 KFI 7:34 am News
Repeat of 6:05 am.

8/12/94 KFI 8:33 am News
Conchita Martinez will face Amy Frazier; Zina Garrison
Jackson, who beat Martina, will play at night at the
Virginia Slims Tournament at the Manhattan Beach Country
Club.

8/12/94 KFWB 6:47 am News
Ann Grossman blitzed Martina Navratilova at the Manhattan
Beach Tennis Tournament.

8/12/94 KNX 7:17 am News
Conchita Martinez in action tonight; Manhattan Beach Quarter-
Finals; Zina Garrison takes on Ann Grossman.

8/12/94 KFWB 7:17 am News
Martina Navratilova hit pothole on road to retirement, losing
to Ann Grossman at Manhattan Beach.

8/12/94 KNX 7:47 am News
Conchita Martinez vs Amy Frazier; and Zina Garrison vs Ann
Grossman, who knocked-off Martina Navratilova at quarter-
finals in Manhattan Beach.

8/12/94 KFWB 7:47 am News
Ann Grossman upended Martina Navratilova at Manhattan Beach.

8/12/94 KNX 8:00 am News
Quarter-final day in Manhattan Beach; top seed Conchita
Martinez vs Amy Frazier; and Zina Garrison vs Ann Grossman,
who beat Martina Navratilova yesterday.

8/12/94 KFWB 8:47 am News
Repeat of 7:17 am.

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8/12/94 KNX 9:16 am News
Quarter-finals of tennis in Manhattan Beach; Martinez vs. Frazier, Novatna vs Appelmans, Garrison vs Grossman, Hollard vs Heed.

8/12/94 KFVB 9:17 am News
Repeat of 7:47 am.

8/12/94 KNX 9:46 am News
Navratilova knocked-off in 3 sets by Ann Grossman, who takes on Zina Garrison in today's quarter-finals in Manhattan Beach; Hollard vs Heed, Novatna vs Appelman, Garrison vs Grossman, and Frazier takes on top seed Conchita Martinez.

8/12/94 KNX 11:15 am News
Today's quarter-final feature match in Manhattan Beach has top seed Wimbledon champ Conchita Martinez taking on Amy Frazier.

8/12/94 KNX 11:46 am News
Repeat of 11:15 am.

8/12/94 KNX 1:17 pm News
Quarter-final tennis at Manhattan Beach; Hollard leads Heed in the third set.

8/12/94 KNX 2:46 pm News
At the L.A. Women's Tennis Championships: Martinez vs Frazier, Novatna vs. Appelman, Garrison vs. Grossman; and Hollard defeated Heed.

8/12/94 KNX 4:17 pm News
Frazier knocks-out Martinez at women's tennis in Manhattan Beach.

8/12/94 KNX 4:46 pm News
Repeat of 4:17 pm.

8/12/94 KFVB 4:47 pm News
Frazier knocks-out Martinez at women's tennis in Manhattan Beach.

8/12/94 KFVB 5:16 pm News
Tennis at Manhattan Beach; Frazier over Martinez, and Hollard also wins.

8/12/94 KNX 5:17 pm News
Tennis at Manhattan Beach; Frazier over Martinez, and Hollard also wins.

8/12/94 KNX 5:46 pm News
Tennis at Manhattan Beach; Frazier over Martinez, and Hollard
also wins.

8/12/94 KFWB 5:46 pm News
Tennis at Manhattan Beach; Frazier over Martinez, and Hollard
also wins.

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Virginia Slims Tournament

Manhattan Beach, California

8/13/94 KNX 7:17 am News
"The top three seeds are now missing from the Slims event in Manhattan Beach." Martinez lost to Frazier, who meets Appelman; and Hallard takes on Grossman this afternoon.

8/13/94 KFWB 7:47 am News
At the Women's Manhattan Beach Tennis Tournament, Frazier upset Martinez; v/o Frazier.

8/13/94 KFWB 8:17 am News
Wimbledon champ Martinez a quarter-final loser to Frazier.

8/13/94 KNX 8:17 am News
Schedule, heat, and inspired play by Frazier led to loss for Martinez at Virginia Slims event in Manhattan Beach; Frazier vs Appelman, and Hallard to meet Grossman.

8/13/94 KNX 8:48 am News
Manhattan Beach Slims action saw Martinez fall to Frazier, who meets Appelman; and Hallard vs Grossman.

8/13/94 KFWB 9:16 am News
The Women's Event in Manhattan Beach has reached the semi-finals, with Frazier vs Appelman, and Hallard vs Grossman.

8/13/94 KNX 9:16 am News
The Women's Event in Manhattan Beach has reached the semi-finals, with Frazier vs Appelman, and Hallard vs Grossman.

8/13/94 KFWB 9:46 am News
Repeat of 9:16 am.

8/13/94 KNX 10:17 am News
Repeat of 7:17 am.

8/13/94 KFWB 10:47 am News
Repeat of 9:46 am.

8/13/94 KNX 10:47 am News
Some quarter-final action at Slims event in Manhattan Beach,

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beginning at 1:00 this afternoon: 7th seed Hallard vs Grossman; and tonight, Frazier vs Appelman.

8/13/94 KFWB 11:17 am News
The semi's are set for the Manhattan Beach Tennis Tournament, with Frazier vs Appelman, and Grossman vs Hallard.

8/13/94 KNX 11:47 am News
Repeat of 9:16 am.

8/13/94 KFWB 11:47 am News
Repeat of 9:16 am.

8/13/94 KFWB 12:16 pm News
Repeat of 9:16 am.

8/13/94 KFWB 12:47 pm News
Repeat of 9:16 am.

8/13/94 KNX 12:47 pm News
In about 15 minutes, Virginia Slims Semi-Finals start, with Hallard vs Grossman; and tonight, Appelman vs Frazier.

8/13/94 KFWB 1:17 pm News
Just getting underway at Manhattan Beach: the Women's Semi-Finals: Hallard vs Grossman; and tonight, Appelman vs Frazier.

8/13/94 KFWB 1:47 pm News
Grossman and Hallard just underway in semi-final match-up in Manhattan Beach event; Frazier vs Appelman tonight.

8/13/94 KNX 1:47 pm News
Semi-final play underway in the Slims event in Manhattan Beach: Hallard leading Grossman; later, Frazier vs Appelman.

8/13/94 KFWB 2:16 pm News
Hallard takes 1st set from Grossman in Manhattan Beach, at semi-finals of women's tournament; Frazier takes on Appelman later.

8/13/94 KFWB 2:46 pm News
Grossman has tied things up in Women's Semi-Final event in Manhattan Beach; Frazier takes on Appelman later today.

8/13/94 KFWB 3:17 pm News
At the Women's Manhattan Beach Tournament, Grossman knocked out the last-seeded player; Frazier takes on Appelman later.

8/13/94 KFWB 3:47 pm News
Repeat of 3:17 pm.

8/13/94 KNX 3:47 pm News
Repeat of 3:17 pm.

8/13/94 KFWB 4:17 pm News
Ann Grossman, a transplanted Ohioan, plays to what amounts to a home town crowd in Manhattan Beach, where she has been training. She beat Navatlovna earlier in the week, and can add Hallard to that list. v/o Ann Grossman; Frazier takes on Appelman at 7:00 pm.

8/13/94 KFWB 4:48 pm News
Repeat of 3:17 pm.

8/13/94 KNX 4:47 pm News
Repeat of 3:17 pm.

8/13/94 KFWB 5:18 pm News
Repeat of 3:17 pm.

8/13/94 KNX 5:18 pm News
Repeat of 3:17 pm.

8/13/94 KFWB 5:47 pm News
Repeat of 4:17 pm.

8/13/94 KNX 5:48 pm News
Repeat of 3:17 pm.

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Capriati's Age-Limit Views Sought

Jennifer Capriati and her parents have been asked to testify next month before a special panel considering whether to increase the minimum age on the women's tennis tour.

The group's Age Eligibility Commission, chaired by UCLA sports-medicine specialist Carol Otis, also has solicited views from Tracy Austin, Andrea Jaeger, Stefani Graf, Gabriela Sabatini, Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Billie Jean King.

"We would very much like to hear from Jennifer, but we're not sure that will happen," Anne Worcester, Women's Tennis Council managing director, said Tuesday at the French Open in Paris.

Capriati's arrest for alleged marijuana possession last week in Florida has resulted in a debate on the handling of young tennis stars. Capriati, 18, turned professional at 13 but has been off the tour since August. She is undergoing treatment at a drug rehabilitation clinic in Miami Beach, Fla.

"Clearly Jennifer's decision to

take a leave of absence from the tour and the most recent incidents have heightened the visibility and exposure of the age issue," Worcester said.

In 1991, Capriati was allowed to play her first professional tournament three weeks before her 14th birthday when WTC officials made an exception to their guidelines. The panel is debating the merits of increasing the minimum age from 13 years 11 months to 15 or older. It also is considering restricting the number and level of tournaments a player can enter each year. The panel hopes to make recommendations for the 1995 season.

"We're not just looking at the age minimum, but the whole issue of promoting career longevity and minimizing the effects of over-training," Worcester said. "There are no foregone conclusions."

Worcester also said Capriati would not be sanctioned for her recent actions, even though the sport's broad conduct rules could be applied to her situation.

"We're supporting Jennifer and

glad she's seeking help," she said. "Suspension would be absolutely out of the question. We're not happy it happened and it doesn't reflect positively on women's tennis. We've never had a case like this."

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Venus Williams, widely heralded as the next big star of women's tennis, is expected to make her WTA Tour debut in the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles Aug. 8-14 at the Manhattan Country Club in Manhattan Beach.

Her father, Richard, said he will seek a wild-card entry for his daughter if she maintains high marks in her schoolwork.

Williams, 6-feet-2 and 130 pounds, was born in Long Beach and grew up in Compton before moving with her family to Florida almost three years ago. She will turn 14 on June 17.

Times staff writer Jerry Crowe contributed to this column.

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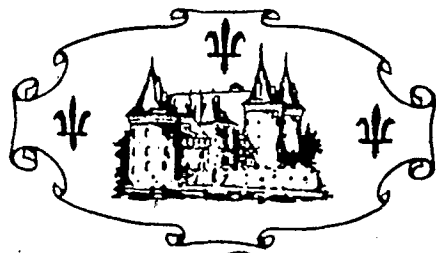
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Fifty-six women singles players and 28 top doubles teams will vie for \$400,000 in prize money with the singles winner receiving \$75,000.

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By Olga Houlgate

SABATINI

Saddled with a two year winless streak, Gabriela maintains she still loves the game.

It is rather hard to comprehend what has happened to Gabriela Sabatini's tennis. This beautiful Argentinian girl, who became a promoter's dream since she beat Steffi Graf in straight sets at the 1990 U.S. Open, has hit a winless two-year period. Her last win was the 1992 Italian Open, an event she had won three times before.

"I'm not really concerned about not having won a tournament in so long," Sabatini said. "I still consider tennis a challenge. I love the game. I know it's a good feeling when you win."

This year, Gaby, (rhymes with cabbie) as she is called by her peers, went back to her former coach, Carlos Kirmayr. After a three-year stint with Kirmayr, Sabatini was coached next by Dennis Ralston, former U.S. Davis Cupper, and then by fellow countryman Guillermo Vilas. She was with Ralston for six months and then started with Vilas before the Virginia Slims of Philadelphia last year. They were together five weeks, through the season ending Slims Championships.

"I learned so many things from Guillermo Vilas. He helped me very much," Sabatini said. "He knows so much," she explained. "But I need some-

one who can travel with me and that was hard for him because he's still playing in exhibitions and other tournaments himself."

"Carlos, I played my best tennis with him. He knows me better than anyone. The years together, we grow. Now, we start all over again, fresh," Sabatini remarked.

When Sabatini won her first Grand Slam in 1990, the U.S. Open, the normally expressionless Gaby, threw her arms up in the air and ran to kiss her father, Osvaldo. She had beaten the fears she talks about. Her game had become predictable, her energy and spirit were down. "I wasn't doing that great, I wasn't getting great results, but I felt I was playing good tennis. I had a lot of questions. When I won the tournament, I got the answers."

After that Sabatini started raking in the endorsements. She's the first female athlete to sign a multi-million dollar contract with Pepsi, she already had Sergio Tacchini Sports Apparel, Fuji cameras, Yamaha Racquets and Rayban sunglasses,



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Top Players Set to Play Slims

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The 1994 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles will be held Aug. 8-14 at the Manhattan Country Club. Now in its 23rd year and 12th at the Manhattan Country Club, the tournament has become a summer tradition in Southern California.

The 1994 LA Slims is the 44th stop on the 1994 WTA tour and will consist of 56 singles players and 28 doubles teams with the winner in singles receiving \$75,000.

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appeared to give up during regional semifinals, Xanthos decided to step down, without having captured the one prize to elude him — a state title.

But by earning a place next to the names of the greatest players and coaches in the history of college tennis, Xanthos was reminded that his memories of three decades at Pierce are mostly good.

"Who would have ever thought when my ninth-grade English teacher gave me two rackets, it would lead to the Hall of Fame" he says.

Founded in 1983, the Intercollegiate Tennis Hall of Fame is up to 108 members. Dan Magill, the longtime coach at Georgia who was a key spokesman in the establishment of a Hall of Fame for intercollegiate tennis, adds: "Paul ... is regarded as a legendary coach."

The majority of Xanthos' time is spent now at the new Burbank Tennis Center at Burbank's McCambridge Park.

Instead of dreaming about winning a California JC championship, Xanthos' big plans today center around seeing expansion plans at the Burbank site.

In the meantime, Xanthos can be seen there working daily, sharing his expertise through clinics and lessons he gives to

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"I can't wait," Xanthos says of potential expansion. "Everything moves too slow. I wish I was 20 years younger. Even five."

SoCal Jr's Head to Europe

Southern California is well represented in international junior play this year, thanks to the USTA. Amanda Basica, Meilen Tu and George A. Williams will once again play on the USTA International team.

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Martina to Play Slims

For most Southlanders this summer is the last chance to see Martina Navratilov battle for a singles title. She will be defending her '93 title at the Virginia Slims of LA and will join an impressive cast of players. Take the kids and seek a little tennis history. You won't want to miss it.

Further south, the Toshiba Tennis Classic will also have an impressive draw including Steffi Graf. And how can you be in the environs of La Costa Resort and Spa?

The UCLA Open, formerly the Volvo Tennis Open, continues its tradition of bringing great men's tennis to Southern California every summer. Stop by the UCLA campus and watch Agassi, Becker, Chang and Krajicek among others battle for top honors.

College tennis had a scare this season. Read about it on page 8; Rita Maria Pacheco left Cuba to pursue her dreams in the U.S., page 12; and the rules have changed in the men's pro doubles game, page 14.

This year we held our 2nd annual racquet testing at West End Tennis Club in Florence, S.C. Our test is not scientific. The testers are social players rated 3.5 to 5.5 on the NTRP scale. They played with the racquets and gave us their opinions. Steve Casey sums up what they had to say on page 16.

And it's time to send the kids to camp. According to experts, camp can be a positive first step for kids on the long road toward independence, and they learn to play better tennis, too. Check it out on page 42.

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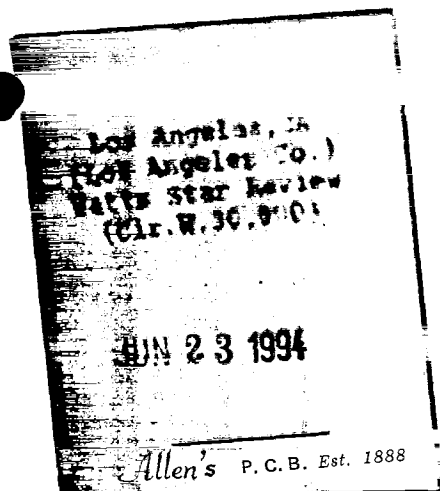
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Let's just skip July and zip right to August. That way, we'll miss some hot, sweaty, smoggy days and get the pro tournaments here faster.

("What's that," you say, "and miss World Cup?" Well, you take your international sport and I'll take mine.)

Wimbledon is whetting our appetites for the L.A. Open at UCLA (Aug. 1-7) and the Virginia Slims tournament in Manhattan Beach (Aug. 8-14). Both appear to have excellent fields and — for sports-writers — some good angles:

■ Martina Navratilova, 37, will be making her last stop at the Manhattan Country Club.

"I have a few aches and pains," she said in England the other day (she has faint hopes of winning her 10th singles title at Wimbledon).

"My circulation causes me problems. My wrists hurt. My lower back. My neck. My elbow sometimes bothers me. But my muscles are OK; they're holding up."

Her farewell tour has been hard on her:

"I have tried to let go emotionally so it won't hurt so much at the end, but it's like trying to love someone less so it doesn't hurt so much when you break up."

■ Boris Becker will be making his first appearance at the L.A. Open (formerly Volvo Tennis/Los Angeles, and before that the Jack Kramer Open, the Union 76 Pacific Southwest, the Arco Pacific Southwest and just the plain Pacific Southwest).

The German star, who won his first Wimbledon singles at 17, apparently wants "some different experiences this year," according to Bob Kramer, head of the Southern California Tennis Association.

Kramer called Becker's agent and didn't get the usual "polite turn-down."

■ Lori McNeil, conqueror of Steffi Graf in the first round at Wimbledon, will play Manhattan Beach, as she does every year.

McNeil, an African-American from Houston who is coached by a South African expatriate, Mervyn Webster, plays unseeded Florencia Labat of Argentina today on the lawns of the All England Club.

If she equals or surpasses her 1986 Wimbledon performance, when she reached the quarters, the Manhattan Beach draw will be much enhanced. Even without that, there's always California teen-ager Lindsay Davenport, who also re-



JOE JARES

Tennis

mains alive at Wimbledon going into today's play. And Jana Novotna, Gabriela Sabatini and, maybe most interesting of all, Mary Pierce.

Pierce withdrew from Wimbledon under mysterious circumstances — there was speculation she feared her nutso father would show up — but she is scheduled to be here.

■ Opposing Becker at the L.A. Open will be Andre Agassi, Michael Chang and defending champ Richard Krajicek, the hard-serving, 6-foot-5 Czech-turned-Dutchman who lives in Monte Carlo.

The bad news is that Pete Sampras, No. 1 in the world and a local boy from the South Bay, will not play L.A. this year. Why a man wouldn't want to grab every chance in his career to play in his home town is hard to understand.

Historic possibility: If Alabaman Bryan Shelton, 28, No. 120 in the world, beats unseeded Christian Bergstrom of Sweden in the fourth round at Wimbledon today, he will become "only the fourth qualifier in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals," says the Associated Press. "The most successful run by a qualifier was in 1977, when John McEnroe made it to the semifinals as an amateur."

The eyes have it: At the ATP Tour stop in Rosmalen, The Netherlands, four umpires had their vision and reaction times checked by a team of optometrists and ophthalmologists. A Tour spokesman said, "All participants passed with 20/20 vision."

Coming events: Entry deadline for the 33rd annual Glendora Tennis Championships (July 23-31) is July 8. Information: Paul Baiotto, (818) 335-8640. ... The 57th annual Santa Barbara Tournament is July 8-10, 17-18. Deadline to enter is today. Information: Kim Denig, (805) 564-1948. ... Westlake Tennis and Swim Club will play host July 11-17 to the USTA Men's 45 National Hardcourt Championships.

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Lori McNeil is one of the stars scheduled to play in the Virginia Slims tournament in Manhattan Beach.

Quote of the month: "I've lost to Ken Rosewall 700 times over the last 40 years, and now he spots me one leg with a pulled muscle and I still can't beat him." — Fred Stolle, at the ATP Senior event in Hurlingham, England.

Runner-up quote of the month: "Lotto (clothing sponsor) sent me just four white shirts to play at Wimbledon. They don't have too much confidence in my chances there." — Thomas Muster, who had failed to win a match at Wimbledon in three previous attempts. Muster lost in the first round again this year.

PASSING SHOTS

As Wimbledon enters its second week, let's take a look at Bud Collins, the tennis writer-broadcaster who has helped turn so many readers and viewers on to the game. And, yes, he's turned some off, too.

Years as an NBC Wimbledon analyst: 23.

Number of Wimbledon broadcasters with whom he's worked: 24

Number of years as a sportswriter: 39.

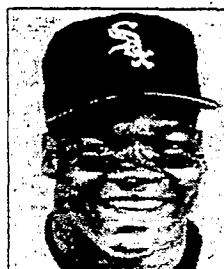
Year he coached radical Abbie Hoffman at Brandels U.: 1959.

First time at Wimbledon: 1959.

First appearance of his strawberry pants during "Breakfast at Wimbledon": 1989.



Jose Offerman



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Notes on a Scorecard

It might not rank with some of the startling developments in sports lately, but the Dodgers' demotion of Jose Offerman was unexpected. . . .

I mean, how often does a first-place team send its starting shortstop to the minors in midseason?

These days, few major league regulars ever worry about job security because the talent pool is so thin. . . .

Maybe this will send a much-needed message to Offerman. . . .

At 25, he still has a future with the Dodgers, but only if he starts hitting ground balls and line drives instead of fly balls, further improves his fielding, and gets a new attitude.

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Figuring out first-round survivors in the World Cup makes figuring out NFL playoff possibilities look like child's play. . . .

It's a lot more fun to root for an underdog, such as the U.S. World Cup team, than a heavy favorite, such as the U.S. Olympic basketball team. . . .

No, World Cup visitors, it usually isn't so hot this time of year in our little slice of paradise. The high Sunday in Pasadena was 106. The normal high on that date in L.A. is 80. . . .

The Mighty Ducks, who have the second choice, and the Kings, who have the seventh, should be able to select productive players today. But the NHL draft is much more of a crapshoot than when the minimum age of draftees was higher.

Diver and it brought back a lot of fond memories," said Lambert, 53, who is riding regularly at Los Alamitos. "I only wish I had a black horse like that to ride nowadays. At least, I was fortunate that I got to ride one like him. Other guys never have and never will." . . .

Lambert took his daughter Lacey, 9, to the paddock garden to see the monument that marks the site where Native Diver was buried in 1967. . . .

"Lacey had seen pictures of him and heard a lot about him," Lambert said. "But now she's getting old enough to realize that he was something very special." . . .

Native Diver remains the only horse to have won the Gold Cup more than once. . . .

There will be no repeat winner, either, Saturday when favorite The Wicked North takes on a small, but, of course, select field that includes Arcangues, Del Mar Dennis and Slew Of Damascus. Best Pai, who has raced recently but is being prepared for a return to the track, won a year ago. . . .

The Virginia Slims tennis tournament at Manhattan Beach Aug. 8-14 will have the hit, Lori McNeil, and miss, Mary Pierce, of Wimbledon. . . .

Where would Tonya Harding be today without Nancy Kerrigan? . . .

A heavyweight boxing prospect to watch is Joel Scott of Albany, N.Y. He is 23, 6 feet 2, 235 pounds, and the winner of all five of his professional bouts by first-round knockouts.

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Teen phenom Williams to take swing at pros in L.A. tourney

The father of 13-year-old California phenom Venus Williams plans to have his daughter play her first pro event in August at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. But Richard Williams said Venus, who trains at the Rick Macci Tennis Academy in Delray Beach, Fla., will remain an amateur.

"We think it's time to test the waters," Macci said. Neither Venus nor her sister, Serena, 12, has played in a tournament since they left Compton, Calif., a few years ago.

Tournament director Jerry Diamond said wild cards will be extended two weeks before the Aug. 8 event. "If she requests a wild card, we'll probably give it to her," Diamond said. "She's local and we'd like to see her start play here."

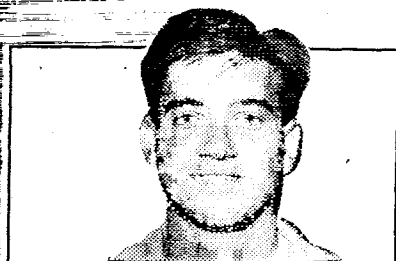
Venus turns 14 next month. Anne Person Worcester, managing director of the Women's Tennis Council, said Venus or any other player who turns pro this year would not be affected by any changes the WTC might make next year. — *Doug Smith*

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STEVE PRATT
Tennis Report

Martina Navratilova, you just finished as the runner-up at Wimbledon, where are you going now?

Well, it's not Disneyland,

but close to it.

Defending champion Martina Navratilova and rising star Mary Pierce will headline the

\$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles at the Manhattan County Club Aug. 8-14.

The tournament will mark Navratilova's final singles performance in Los Angeles.

Pierce, who pulled out of Wimbledon for personal reasons, will command attention in Los Angeles as a newcomer to the Top 10 following her performance in the French Open.

A summer tradition in Southern California, the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles is now in its 23rd year and 12th at the Manhattan County Club. The 44th stop on the WTA Tour will consist of 56 singles players and 28 doubles teams with the winner in singles receiving \$80,000.

Navratilova, the winningest player in the history of tennis and currently No. 4 in the Virginia Slims rankings, will defend her 1993 title. She has won the event a record eight times.

At age 37, Navratilova, who lost to Conchita Martinez on Saturday in the Wimbledon final, will retire after this season.

Pierce leaped into the Top 10 and is now No. 7 in the world. In 1993, Pierce made her debut at the Los Angeles event and upset Gabriela Sabatini in the first round.

Tickets for the tournament are on sale now, ranging from \$10 to \$30. They are available at Ticketmaster outlets including Music Plus or by calling the tournament office at

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Seven Of The World's Top 10 Ranked Players To Hold Court At The \$400,000 Virginias Slims Of Los Angeles

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Zvereva, a native of Belarus, took the title at this year's Virginia Slims of Chicago and is currently No. 7 in the Virginia Slims Rankings. She has also reached the finals of the Lipton Championships and Hilton Head, and also partners with Gigi Fernandez to compose the number one doubles team in the world.

Davenport, a native of Southern California, graduated from Murrieta (CA) High School in June, recently celebrated her 18th birthday and broke into the top 10. She currently holds the No. 9 position in the Virginia Slims Rankings and has earned two wins this year at Brisbane and Lucerne.

Sabatini of Argentina is holding firm at No. 10 in the Virginia Slims Rankings. To date in 1994, she has reached the finals at Amelia Island

and Strasbourg and the semifinals at Sydney and the Australian Open. Sabatini captured titles at the 1990 U.S Open and the 1988 Virginia Slims Championships.

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Top Players To Hold Court at Virginia Slims Tournament

by **MARCIA ROBBINS**

Special to Calif. Press Bureau

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NEWFOUND CONFIDENCE

TENNIS NOTEBOOK: Wimbledon triumph establishes Martinez as any tournament's favorite.

BY JANIS CARR

The Orange County Register

There were a dozen or so interviews and photo sessions. Parties, congratulatory phone calls, even a fax from King Carlos.

But less than a week after capturing tennis' most prestigious title, Conchita Martinez was back on the court, preparing for the onslaught of forehands coming her way.

By virtue of her surprising victory at Wimbledon, Martinez is now one of the favorites as the hard-court season begins. Ranked No. 3 in the world, she has shown she can win on all surfaces — her beloved clay, not-so-favorite grass and hard courts — and is a solid bet to go far in the U.S. Open.

"This win gives me a lot of confidence," Martinez said from Barcelona, Spain, last week. "I think this is the most prestigious tournament in the world. I played really quiet and believing in myself."

Bouyed by her victory, Martinez said she is confident of her chances in the upcoming Toshiba Classic, which runs Aug. 1-7 at La Costa Resort and Spa. She joins a field that includes No. 1 Steffi Graf and No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, two players who do not intimidate her.



MARTINEZ:
Back to work



PIERCE: In L.A.
tournament

Martinez is not playing the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, but Navratilova is, along with No. 5 **Kimiko Date**, Novotna, Davenport, Pierce, No. 9 **Natalia Zvereva**, No. 10 **Gabriela Sabatini** and Wimbledon sensation **Lori McNeil**.

Tickets are \$10-\$30 and available at all Ticketmaster outlets or by calling the tournament office at (310) 546-7753.

"Steffi is starting to play well again," said Martinez, who has reached the semifinals twice and the final once in 1992 at La Costa. "But we know she is beatable. She's a great player, but now we know some players can beat her."

Martinez conceded her victory over Martina Navratilova in the Wimbledon final was bitter-sweet. Although she wanted to win, she also knew the importance of a victory for her idol, who will retire from singles play after this year.

"It is sad for me because maybe she is retiring," she said. "She is great for tennis, and I admire her a lot."

Given a few days, Martinez still could not comprehend the enormity of her victory. Only one other Spanish woman, Lili de Alvaréz, reached the Wimbledon final.

"At the beginning of the tournament, if you had said I would be the women's champion, I would have laughed," said Martinez, whose Wimbledon triumph was her first Grand Slam title.

"But after the first week and into the second, I thought I had a good chance because I was playing good."

"I didn't think I was a specialist on grass, but I played good tennis. I surprised myself a little bit."

Besides Martinez, Graf and Sanchez Vicario, the Toshiba Classic field also includes No. 6 Lindsay Davenport, No. 7 Jana Novotna and No. 8 Mary Pierce.

Tickets are available by calling (619) 942-6501.

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BITS and PIECES: Pierce out of Slims of L.A. tennis event

Mary Pierce, who reached the French Open final, has withdrawn from the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, according to the Women's Tennis Association. Peachy Kellmeyer, director of international operations for the WTA, did not elaborate on Pierce's decision, saying only the player has rearranged her schedule and would not be playing in Manhattan Beach on Aug. 8-14. Pierce also skipped Wimbledon. Meanwhile, Zina Garrison-Jackson, ranked 12th, entered the 56-player field.

► Gary Swaney, 35, of Howland, Ohio, was charged with negligent assault in the accidental shooting of pro golfer Kim Williams. Swaney pleaded innocent to the misdemeanor charge in Niles (Ohio) Municipal Court. A pretrial hearing was scheduled Aug. 1 before Judge Thomas Townley.

► Former heavyweight champion George Foreman said he would be back in the ring this fall in a bid to reclaim the title, against Michael Moorer.

► Two upcoming world title fights at The Forum have been moved from Fridays to Mondays, Forum Boxing announced. The World Boxing Organization junior-middleweight title fight between champion Verno Phillips and challenger Jaime Llanes will be held July 25 instead of July 22, and the World Boxing Association junior lightweight title bout between unbeaten champion Genaro Hernandez and challenger Marcus Guevara will be held Aug. 29 instead of Aug. 26.

► John Mazza defeated Walter Ray Williams Jr., 267-233, to win the title in the PBA's \$150,000 Hilton Hotels Classic at Reno. Butch Soper, formerly of Tustin, rolled only the eighth televised 300 game in the history of the PBA Tour. The tour moves to Thunderbird Lanes in Ontario on Saturday.

► Former major league baseball player Jack Clark earned his NHRA Top Fuel dragster license at the Ennis, Texas, track where he has been trying to qualify for two months.

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NEWSWIRE

Washington Put on Probation by NCAA

From Staff and Wire Reports

The NCAA on Tuesday put Washington's football program on probation for two years and limited the Huskies to four televised regular-season games in one of the next two seasons.

The school will choose to have that limit imposed in 1995, said **Jim Daves**, Washington's sports information director.

The penalties from the NCAA Committee on Infractions are in addition to those imposed last year by the Pacific 10 Conference, which imposed a two-year bowl ban.

At issue were violations of NCAA rules concerning payments by boosters to student athletes for work not actually performed, "as well as a lack of institutional controls of a summer jobs program," the NCAA said in a release.

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Mississippi's **Billy Brewer**, the dean of Southeastern Conference football coaches, was fired, the latest fallout from a second NCAA investigation during his tenure.

His firing came a day after Athletic Director **Warner Alford** resigned and 3½ weeks after the school announced an NCAA inqui-

ry alleging 15 violations by the football program. Mississippi was put on probation for two years after the 1986 season.

Brewer was 67-56-3 in 11 seasons at Ole Miss, leading the Rebels to three bowl games the past five seasons.

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California linebacker **Paul Joiner** was not wearing a seat belt when the car he was driving went out of control and struck a light pole, authorities said.

Joiner remained in critical but stable condition at an Oakland hospital after Sunday's accident. The 22-year-old suffered multiple head injuries in the crash, which also injured two other Cal players.

Basketball

Bob Whitsitt, released from his contract by the Seattle SuperSonics on July 1, was hired as general manager of the Portland Trail Blazers.

Voshon Lenard, a second-round draft choice of the Milwaukee Bucks, has told the team he is returning to Minnesota for his senior year, the Bucks announced.

Unrestricted free agent **Danny**

Manning has been offered a multi-year contract by the Atlanta Hawks for more than \$4 million a year, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

Glenn Robinson, college basketball's player of the year and the first pick in last month's NBA draft, will play in **Magic Johnson's** ninth annual benefit game on July 31 at the Forum.

USC will play host to New Mexico State on Nov. 16 in the first round of the 10th Preseason NIT . . . Clemson forward **Devin Gray**, who suffered a heart attack in April, says he will try to play basketball again.

Miscellany

Jacky Durand, a two-time winner of the French national championship, won the 10th stage of the Tour de France. **Miguel Indurain** of Spain retained the overall lead.

The Mighty Ducks acquired defenseman **Robert Dirk** from the Chicago Blackhawks in exchange for a fourth-round draft choice in 1995.

A man was charged in Niles, Ohio, with negligent assault in the accidental shooting of professional

golfer **Kim Williams**. **Gary Swaney**, 35, pleaded not guilty to the misdemeanor charge.

Irina Privalova of Russia set track records in the 100 and 200 meters at the DN-Galan Grand Prix track and field meet in Stockholm, Sweden.

Former major league player **Jack Clark** earned his National Hot Rod Assn. top fuel dragster license at the Texas Motorplex.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, hired by the 76ers to coach 7-foot-6 **Shawn Bradley**, worked with the former Brigham Young center in Philadelphia.

Former heavyweight champion **George Foreman** said he probably will fight WBA heavyweight champion **Michael Moorer** in November.

Kelly Kuehne of McKinney, Tex., shot a three-under 70 to win medalist honors in the U.S. Girls' Junior Golf Championship at Great Falls, Mont., by one shot over **Jenny Lee** of Fullerton.

Zina Garrison-Jackson has been added to the field for the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles Aug. 8-14 at Manhattan Country Club in Manhattan Beach.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Here's a Chance to Give Martina Fitting Sendoff

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Want to say a personal good-
by to Martina Navratilova?
Here's your chance. Write her a
letter.

Navratilova, 37, the nine-time Wimbledon champion who is retiring from singles competition at the end of the year, will be presented a scrapbook of letters from well-wishers when she plays her final local tournament in the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, Aug. 8-14, at Manhattan Country Club.

As a farewell gift, Navratilova fans can send their letters and contributions to the Red Cross in her name for earthquake relief: Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tarzana, 91357.

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Venus rising in the tennis world

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*Williams, 14, is cautious
about turning pro too soon*

By Mitch Chortkoff

STAFF WRITER

Venus Williams, America's latest 14-year-old tennis phenom, was believed to be ready for her first professional tournament next month in Manhattan Beach.

The debut, in fact, had been announced several months ago by Richard Williams, Venus' father and coach. It had been regarded as one of the major events on the women's circuit this year — similar to when Jennifer Capriati played in her first tour event.

But it isn't going to happen.

Richard Williams told *The New York Times* he's concerned about what happened to Capriati, who began playing in tournaments at 14 and has defected from the tour with drug-related problems at 18.

Williams, who grew up in Compton, moved to Florida four years ago with her parents and younger sister, Serena — another top prospect — presumably to accelerate their tennis development. Both excelled on the junior circuit.

Venus Williams, without playing in a tour event, has been besieged for endorsement contracts and has promised her unofficial allegiance to Reebok. Rick Macci, who also coached Capriati, considers her a future champion. So does

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tennis guru Jack Kramer.

Currently, 14-year-olds are permitted to turn pro, although the matter is under study.

"We feel it's not a wise decision to let Venus play yet," said Richard Williams. "Her situation is too close to what Jennifer's was. Jennifer turned pro in a tournament close to home with 75 reporters watching at 14. That's too similar."

"We went back to Compton recently and Venus was mobbed by autograph-seekers and well-wishers. People came up to her and said they'd buy tickets just to see her at Manhattan Beach."

"We told her there would be too many people expecting too much from her if she played so near her hometown."

Reportedly, Venus wrote her thoughts upon returning to Florida.

"If what happened to Capriati could happen to me I'd never pick up a racquet again," she wrote. "I can't see anyone that young walking away from tennis. But if this is what comes in the future I'd better become an astronaut."

Richard Williams had planned to let his daughter play in the tournament as an amateur. He said she won't be permitted to turn pro until 16.

Jerry Diamond, tournament director of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, scheduled for the Manhattan Country Club Aug. 8-14, said Williams only talked about entering his daughter.

"She would have needed a wild card and it was never requested," said Diamond. "It would have been granted. We know the father and think he does a good job with her."

Diamond is a former executive director of the WTA and has been prominent on committees deciding age requirements for teen-age girls.

"My idea is to permit girls to play no more than eight tournaments at 14, 12 at 15 and whatever the parents deem appropriate at 16," he said.

"I don't think it's fair to de-

BACKING OUT

■ Venus Williams

- Grew up in Compton.
- Became U.S.'s No. 1 junior.
- Has trained at Nick Bollettieri Academy in Florida and is coached by Rick Macci, who coached Jennifer Capriati.
- Won't make tournament debut, as planned, at Manhattan Beach next month.

prive a talented youngster from playing in tour events to determine where they stand. But not so many that it becomes a burden."

Venus Williams began playing at five and asked to enter a junior tournament at eight. She earned a No. 1 junior ranking and later played in celebrity events.

"Someday that girl is going to win a Grand Slam title," said Kramer.

Venus Williams was labeled by *Sports Illustrated* "the most hotly pursued preteen in U.S. tennis history."

Said Diamond:

"The Manhattan Beach tournament never promoted her. We have seven of the world's top 10 players, including Martina Navratilova."

Others entered are Kimiko Date, Lindsay Davenport, Jana Novotna, Natalia Zvereva and Gabriela Sabatini, all in the top 10. Other entrants include Zina Garrison-Jackson (12) and Lori McNeil (15).

Mary Pierce, who didn't play at Wimbledon, was entered but has withdrawn. According to Peachy Kellmeyer, Director of International Operations for the WTA, Pierce has rearranged her schedule for the year.

"I've heard she's going to play Federation Cup for France and will be staying in Europe," said Diamond.

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NAVRATILOVA'S GOODBYE NEAR

TENNIS NOTEBOOK: The longtime champion's retirement might be around corner, says King.

By JANIS CARR 0-74
The Orange County Register

Don't be surprised if Martina Navratilova calls it quits after the World TeamTennis season.

Or so warns Billie Jean King. King, who serves as a part-time coach/motivator/advisor to Navratilova, said the nine-time Wimbledon champion is considering retiring after the month-long season. Maybe that accounts for her 6-1 loss to Larisa Neiland of the Newport Beach Dukes on Thursday. Her head and heart must not be on the court any longer.

But King is telling Navratilova to wait. And to be sure. And don't have any regrets when she does walk away from the game she has dominated for so long.

"I tell her to hold on, wait," King said. "She's pleased she got to the finals at Wimbledon and satisfied with that. But I want her to be very clear about her goals and not wake up one morning when she's 45 years old and say, 'Geez, at the end '94, did I do the right thing by quitting after TeamTennis?'"

By leaving tennis after Aug. 1, Navratilova would miss the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles (Aug. 8-14), the U.S. Open (Aug. 29-Sept. 11) and the Virginia Slims Championships (Nov. 14).



NAVRATILOVA:
Might quit



KING: Tells
Martina to wait

Friday from Prague, Czech Republic, where she played in an exhibition.

Of course, Sanchez Vicario includes herself in the group of "more interesting" players and those who have a shot at beating Graf. And she proved it earlier this year with a victory in Hamburg, Germany.

Yet Sanchez Vicario said players should not treat the No. 1-ranked player lightly just because she lost in the semifinals of the French Open and the first round of Wimbledon.

Fans are being asked to write letters to Navratilova wishing her "farewell, but not goodbye" and to donate \$1 as part of a tribute to be paid her at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles.

The cards and letters will be bound in a souvenir scrapbook and presented to Navratilova on court during the tournament, which will be held at the Manhattan Country Club in Manhattan Beach.

The money collected will be donated to the American Red Cross for the Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund, benefiting victims of the Jan. 17 earthquake.

Letters and donations should be sent to Slims of Los Angeles/Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tarzana, CA 91357. Participants must be 18 years old.

Mary Pierce, who withdrew from the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, also has pulled out of the Toshiba Classic (Aug. 1-8) at La Costa Spa and Resort.

Pierce, a French Open finalist, did not give a reason for dropping out of both tournaments. She said only that she "rearranged her schedule."

Steffi Graf shouldn't take it personally but there seems to be a growing number of players rooting for anyone else to win tournaments.

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is among the pro-underdog crowd.

"Having other people win makes tennis more interesting, more open with different names," Sanchez Vicario said.

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Helping organize Re/Max Beach Cities Realty's participation in the Virginia Slims tournament are, from left, broker/owner Bob Todd, Liz Morski, Carol Hobaugh, Mike Talbot and Ken Adam. Not pictured is chairperson Nina Michaels.

The Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament will take place Aug. 8 through 14 at the Manhattan Country Club. Re/Max Beach Cities Realty is the only real estate sponsor.

Most of the top women players will be taking part including Martina Navratilova who will be making her last competitive appearance in the area.

Re/Max Beach Cities will have a booth

at the tournament and there will be drawings for dinner at several South Bay restaurants including Chez Melange, Depot, Fino, Misto and Descanso.

Re/Max will sponsor a two-for-one ticket night Wednesday, Aug. 10, and a poolside party Friday, Aug. 12, for clients. The party is usually attended by several of the participating players.

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Zina Garrison Jackson to Join \$400,000 L.A. Va. Slims

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Zina Garrison Jackson to Join \$400,000 L.A. Va. Slims

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Number Eight Ranked Mary Pierce Withdraws

Zina Garrison Jackson is the latest entry in the distinguished line-up for the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. She will join 56 of the best women's tennis players in the world August 8-14, at the Manhattan Country Club.

Garrison Jackson, currently number 12 in the Virginia Slims Rankings, has won more than a dozen titles in her career. Last year she reaches a milestone, becoming only the 12th women in history to win 500 matches in her career.

Eighth ranked Mary Pierce, who recently skipped Wimbledon, has rearranged her tour schedule and withdrawn from this year's Los Angeles event, according to Peachy Kellmeyer, Director of International Operations at the WTA.

The 1994 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles field remains one of the strongest on the tour with Martina Navratilova (No. 4), Kimiko Date (No. 5), Lindsay Davenport (No. 6), Jana Novotna (No. 7), Natalia Zvereva (No. 9), Gabriela Sabatini (No. 10) and Lori McNeil (No. 15).

The Virginia Slims of Los Angeles is one of six Virginia Slims sponsored events on the 1994 WTA Tour which culminates in November with the season-ending \$3.5 million Virginia Slims Championships at New York's Madison Square Garden. The top 16 players and the top eight doubles teams, determined by Virginia Slims points accumulated during the year, will vie for \$1 million in tournament prize money, and are also eligible to receive money from the \$2.5 million Virginia Slims Bonus Pool.

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Seven Of The World's Top 10 Ranked Players To Hold Court At The \$400,000 Virginia Slims Of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, CA -- Seven of the top 10 ranked players in the world have announced their entry into the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. The event, the 44th stop on the WTA Tour, will be played at the Manhattan Country Club, August 8-14 and is presented by BMW. The singles winner in the 56-player field will collect \$80,000. Jana Novotna, Kimiko Date, Natalia Zvereva, Lindsay Davenport and Gabriela Sabatini round-out the top 10 entries. They join Martina Navratilova (No. 4) who will make her final singles appearance in Los Angeles and Mary Pierce (No. 8), new to the top 10 after reaching the finals of the French Open. Zina Garrison Jackson will also play in this tournament.

The Czech Republic-born Novotna is currently No. 5 in the Virginia

Slims Rankings and has reached the semi-finals of Hamburg and Berlin this season, and reached the finals of Wimbledon in 1993.

Date burst onto the scene at the 1991 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, where she became the first qualifier at a major tournament to reach the finals. Currently No. 6 in the Virginia Slims Rankings, Date is in the midst of her finest season, capturing singles titles at Sydney, the Japan Open and reaching the semi-finals of the Australian Open and Strasbourg.

Tickets for the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles are on sale now with prices ranging from \$10 to \$30. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets including Music Plus or by calling the tournament office at 310-546-7753.

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Pro Tennis Opens Invade L.A. Area

The Los Angeles Open at nearby UCLA and the Virginia Slims Women's Tennis Open are inching in. 0-74

The L.A. Open begins Monday. One of the standouts who accepted an invitation was Bryan Shelton, who reached the final 16 in the recent Wimbledon Open.

Other standout players are defending two-time L.A. Open champion Richard Krajicek, Andre Agassi, Boris Becker, and Michael Chang.

Cost for tickets range from \$10 to \$34.

For further information,

please call the tournament line at (310) 208-0730.

A week later will feature the Virginia Slims Open in Manhattan Beach.

Top players in the classic include legend Martina Navraatlova, Kimiko Date, Lindsay Davenport, Jana Novotna, Natalia Zvereva, Gabriela Sabatini, and Lori McNeil, Zina Garrison, and Mary Pierce.

Cost of tickets range from \$10 to \$30 and can be purchased at any Ticketmaster outlets. For further information, please call the tournament office at (310) 546-7753.

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crease of 4 percent. The net loss for the categories was less than 1 percent, a big improvement over 1993's quarter sales. Average racquet prices, however, dropped by about 10 percent.

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Tim Mayotte will be a featured guest speaker at the **United States Professional Tennis Registry's 15th Annual Tennis Symposium** October 6-9 in Hilton Head, SC. He will appear courtesy of **HEAD Sports Inc.**, the official racquet of the USPTR. For more information, call 1-800-421-6289.

Masters Press, exclusive publisher of the **Spalding Sports Library**, presents "Youth Tennis," the latest addition to its series of books for young participants and their parents and coaches. The 184-page book by veteran Clemson University tennis coach **Chuck Kriese** costs \$12.95. For more information, call 1-800-722-2677.

The **Virginia Slims of Los Angeles** asks all fans of **Martina Navratilova** to participate in a tribute to her final singles appearance in Los Angeles August 8-14 by writing letters wishing her "farewell, but not goodbye." To show her appreciation, Navratilova has

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joined forces with the American Red Cross to raise money for the Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund benefiting victims of the earthquake last January. Navratilova's fans are asked to donate \$1 (or more) in her name to be given to the victims. Send letters and donations by August 1 to VSLA/Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tarzana, CA 91357. Checks can be made out to American Red Cross/Virginia Slims. Call (818) 776-1244 for more information. For tickets, call (310) 546-7753.

For the second year, the **USTA/New England Open Junior Championships** will be held at the **Cheshire Academy** and the town tennis courts in Cheshire, CT. Approximately 400 top-ranked boys and girls, ages 12-18, from all over Canada, New England and other regions of the United States will participate. The public is invited to attend free of charge August 22-26, 8:30 a.m. to dusk. All spectators are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for a food drive. Call (203) 272-5396 or (617) 964-2030.

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Say Farewell to Navratilova

The Virginia Slims of Los Angeles is asking all fans of Martina Navratilova to participate in a tribute to her final singles appearance in Los Angeles by writing letters wishing "farewell, but not goodbye" to perhaps the greatest player in the history of women's tennis.

In appreciation for the support Navratilova has received in Los Angeles, she has joined forces with the American Red Cross, to raise money for the Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund benefiting the victims of the January 17 earthquake.

All Navratilova fans are invited to pen their message and kind wishes and make a donation in her name of \$1 (or more) to be donated to the earthquake victims. Through the support of tennis clubs and organizations, Navratilova will be given a grand slam style farewell and the opportunity to give something back to the people of Los Angeles.

Letters and donations should be sent by August 1, 1994, to VSLA/Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tarzana, CA 91357. Checks can be made out to American Red Cross/Virginia Slims. Participants must be 18 years of age to participate.

The cards and letters collected will be bound in a souvenir scrapbook and presented to Martina on court during the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, August 8-14, and proceeds raised will be donated to the American Red Cross.

"The American Red Cross extends a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Martina Navratilova, one of the greatest tennis players in history and also a tremendous humanitarian who reaches out regularly to lend a hand for those less fortunate world wide," commented Karen Johnston, Special Events Director, The American Red Cross.

Top players joining Navratilova at the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles include Kimiko Date, Lindsay Davenport, Jana Novotna, Natalia Zvereva, Gabriela Sabatini, Zina Garrison Jackson and Lori McNeil. The 44th stop on the WTA Tour will be played at the Manhattan Country Club, August 8-14, 1994. The singles winner in the 56-player field will collect \$80,000.

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The Schedule:

Qualifying

Saturday, August 6
Sunday, August 7

10:00 am
10:00 am

Main Draw

Monday, August 8
Tuesday, August 9
Wednesday, August 10
Thursday, August 11

9:00 am/7:00 pm
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6:00 am/7:00 pm
10:00 am/7:00 pm
11:00 am/7:00 pm

Quarterfinals

Friday, August 12

1:00 pm/7:00 pm

Semifinals

Saturday, August 13

2:00 pm

Finals

Sunday, August 14

12th ranked tennis star Zina Garrison will be among tennis' pros to compete in the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, August 8-14 at the Manhattan Country Club, Manhattan Beach California. For ticket information call (310) 546-7753.

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Agassi's New Coach an Old Friend

The relationship was forged over a casual dinner at Key Biscayne, Fla., in March.

Andre Agassi, dining one evening after playing in the Lipton Championships, asked his friend, Brad Gilbert, to give him some pointers on his game. They went to the tennis court the next day.

And so it was that Agassi, ranked 20th on the professional tour, and Gilbert, ranked 35th, have become player and coach.

During the Player's International tournament in Toronto this week, Gilbert was asked about the situation.

"I don't think [Agassi] was looking for somebody to come in and make all kinds of changes in his game, and I wasn't looking to coach and it kind of just happened," Gilbert said.

Agassi was coached by Nick Bollettieri until 1993, when he split with him and hired Pancho Segura.

The arrangement between Agassi and Gilbert is informal. They hit when they can and talk on the phone often. Gilbert attends Agassi's matches when he is not involved in another tournament.

Since striking the partnership, Agassi and Gilbert have appeared in five tournaments together but have not played one another. That streak could end in the L.A. Open, beginning Monday at the Los Angeles Tennis Center, where both are scheduled to play.

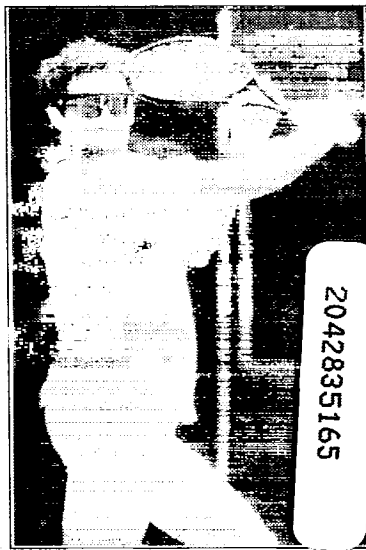
If they meet in the tournament, Gilbert, 4-5 against Agassi in his career, will be at a distinct disadvantage.

"I've given him too many of my secrets in practice," Gilbert said. "He won't let me get away with some of the things I used to get away with."

The L.A. Open field also includes sixth-ranked Michael Chang, ninth-ranked Boris Becker and 26th-ranked Richard Krajicek, the tournament's defending champion. Krajicek is scheduled to play his first match



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STEVE DYKES / Los Angeles Times

Andre Agassi (left) and his coach, Brad Gilbert, have an informal arrangement. They hit when they can and talk on the phone often.

Monday night during a session that begins at 7; Chang and Becker will make their first appearances Tuesday starting at 11 a.m., and Agassi will play his first match Tuesday night on a program that starts at 7:30.

Add Agassi: The neon-span-dex-wearing player of the early 1990s is staying one step ahead of the fashion police.

Agassi modeled his new line of clothing for fans during an Arthur Ashe Foundation benefit match against Chang on July 23 at the National Tennis Center in Toronto. Tom Tebbutt reported in the Toronto Globe and Mail that the color scheme "derives more from a barroom shiner than bright-eyed visions of tennis elegance and civility."

Agassi told Tebbutt that he wanted his new line to be casual, labeling it, "Something that guys could wear skateboarding down the street."

Road to recovery: Steffi Graf, who has lost consecutive match-

es for the first time in more than nine years, will defend her championship in the \$400,000 Toshiba tournament starting Monday at the La Costa Resort and Spa.

The top-ranked Graf won the Australian Open while dominating the first five months of the season. She then lost to Mary Pierce in the semifinals of the French Open and to Lori McNeil in the first round at Wimbledon.

The La Costa field includes the top three women in the world: Graf, No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, who won the French Open, and No. 3 Conchita Martinez, who won Wimbledon.

Among the other entrants are sixth-ranked Lindsay Davenport, eighth-ranked Jana Novotna and ninth-ranked Natalia Zvereva.

Farewell: Organizers of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tennis tournament say they have received hundreds of letters to Martina Navratilova wishing her farewell.

Tournament officials asked

that fans of Navratilova, nine-time Wimbledon champion, participate in a tribute to her final singles appearance in Los Angeles by writing letters and making a donation in her name to the Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund benefiting victims of the Jan. 17 earthquake. Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tazana, Calif. 91357.

Navratilova, ranked fourth, will join Davenport, Novotna, Zvereva, fifth-ranked Kimiko Date, 10th-ranked Gabriela Sabatini and McNeil in the tournament Aug. 8-14 at the Manhattan Country Club in Manhattan Beach.

Hometown jitters: Davenport, who spent much of her childhood in Palos Verdes before moving to Murrieta and graduating from Murrieta Valley High in June, enjoys the two Southland tour stops because it means coming home.

But it also means playing in front of more of her fans than usual.

"You hope to do well when you're [playing] kind of near where you're from, but it also can make you a little more nervous. There's a little more pressure," Davenport said.

Tennis Notes

Lindsay Davenport was asked to do a sound check recently before a television interview. "One, two, three, four, five," Davenport said. "Do you want me to count higher? I can, I have a high school diploma." . . . Davenport and friend **Natalia Zvereva** plan to become roommates and move to Newport Beach. . . . The Southern California Tennis Assn. stages exhibitions between matches at the L.A. Open to showcase programs such as junior tennis, and these matches often feature the tennis stars of the future. In 1987, for instance, a highly touted, skinny 15-year-old boy who had just been named to the Junior Davis Cup team played in one of the SCTA exhibitions. **Pete Sampras** returned to win the singles title at the tournament four years later. In addition to junior tennis, exhibitions this year also will include adult and wheelchair tennis.

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Garrison Jackson Looking Beyond Match Point

Tennis: Aside from helping her foundation teach inner-city children the sport, she'd like to have children.

By LON EUBANKS
TIMES STAFF WRITER

NEWPORT BEACH—Zina Garrison Jackson is 30 now. She has won more than \$4 million in her tennis career. But she still plays every shot as if a Grand Slam singles title, which has eluded her, is at stake.

She has the same driving spirit and enthusiasm for the game she did more than a decade ago.

But she has been on the pro tour for 12 years, and is starting to think seriously about the day all this ends: the glamour, the attention, the big victories and, yes, the unrelenting travel, the constant practice and the emotion-draining pressure that have been so much a part of her life.

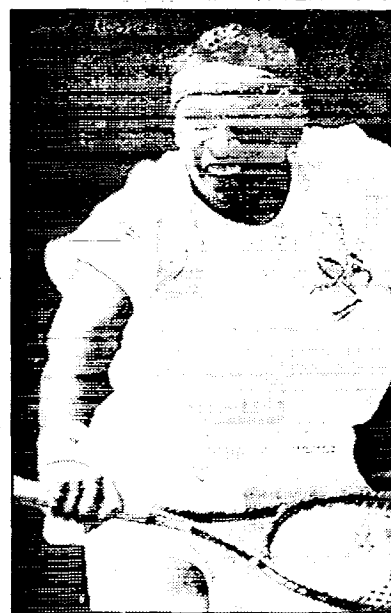
Her determination has not waned. But her priorities are beginning to shift.

"I really want to have kids of my own," said Garrison Jackson, the youngest of seven children. She has been married since 1989 to Willard Jackson, who founded a hazardous-waste disposal company in Houston, and she says they are ready for their own family.

"In September, I have to make out a new schedule for next year, and I'm going to probably put down the minimum amount of tournaments," she said. Garrison Jackson said she might retire by the end of the 1995 season.

In addition to having her own children, she also wants to be more active in the group she founded in Houston that provides funds for the homeless, youth organizations and anti-drug groups.

Part of the foundation's work is to provide tennis programs in the inner-city areas where she grew up. She started playing when she was 10 in a similar public-parks program conducted by her long-time coach and friend, John Wilkerson.



'I want to give it all I've got until I finally decide I'm not ready to play anymore . . . but I want to enjoy it and have fun, more than anything else right now. I'll try to continue to improve my game. But I don't think it helps that much at this stage to have big goals.'

ZINA GARRISON JACKSON

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"It's a year-round program at two parks in Houston, and the mayor and the city council have really gotten behind it now," she said. "Some of the kids who have been in the program for a while have improved so much it's amazing. Another thing I really want to do is have my own homeless shelter in Houston for families, too. I have a real love for kids, and there are a lot of them who are homeless."

In the meantime, Garrison Jackson is committed to giving tennis her best effort. "I want to give it all I've got until I finally decide I'm not ready to play anymore," she said. "The worst thing for me would be to feel I'm not able to give it my best. I feel I give it 100% every time I go out there."

"But I want to enjoy it and have fun, more than anything else right now. I'll try to continue to improve my game. But I don't think it helps that much at this stage to have big goals. If you just work on your game, the rest will come."

She says one of her concerns is staying healthy.

Garrison Jackson, who is playing World TeamTennis for the Dukes and will play in the Virginia Slims tournament at Manhattan Beach in early August, suffered from shoulder problems earlier in the Dukes' season.

"I was a little tired after Wimbledon," she said. "I had played so much before Wimbledon to get ready. I had the shoulder trouble after that, then I went over on my ankle. Fortunately, it was only a mild sprain. Through the years, though, I've been blessed that I haven't had any major injuries."

Garrison Jackson lost in the Wimbledon quarterfinals to Gigi Fernandez after beating Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in three sets in the round of 16. "I still felt I had a good tournament, though," she said.

Garrison Jackson says she is enjoying playing in Billie Jean King's team tennis league this month. "I really like it, although I don't like the traveling, being in a city for only one night and then out again," she said. "I played it for 10 days last year, and saw the difference it made in my game. I had a pretty good year, and wanted to see what would happen if I played it a full year."

The playing format, which has no-ad scoring, puts a heavier emphasis on each point, and the match winner is determined by total games won in men's and women's doubles, men's and women's singles and mixed doubles.

"It's good for me because it gets me out of the same routine," she said. "When you get older you need to have different things to motivate you. In this format, you can't have any mental lapses, the kind we all have sometimes, when you can't seem to hit a ball on the court for a game."

Garrison Jackson wishes some of the TeamTennis emphasis on cheering and lively crowd involvement could somehow be part of the regular tour.

"You need to have a rush, the way fans feel after they've come out of a good basketball game," she said. "Especially the younger people need something to capture their attention. I looked up into the crowd the other night, and some of the younger kids were doing the wave and some stuff like that. You have to find ways for them to get into it, to keep their attention, instead of when they go to a match everyone saying, 'Shhhh, be quiet. And don't stand up.'"

Garrison Jackson believes tennis' stodgy image is one of its biggest problems. But she also sees others. She thinks the new high-performance rackets have turned men's tennis into such a power game that it has lost some of its luster. She feels average players are having more trouble identifying with it.

She thinks the new rackets actually have been more beneficial to the women's game, where the added power has made points far more lively than the days when Chris Evert and her opponents of that era constantly were hitting

"moon balls" from the base line. "The women are putting the power and touch together well now," she said.

But Evert has been in retirement for almost five years now, Martina Navratilova will be on the sidelines soon, and Garrison Jackson might not be far behind. Where will the game find new life?

"There are other personalities out there who are able to give the women's game a lift," Garrison Jackson said. "Mary Pierce has had a lot of people noticing tennis lately, and Arantxa is good at that, too. Gabby [Gabriela Sabatini] always has been a good draw."

Garrison Jackson hopes some young newcomers to the tour will learn some things from the older players that she did.

"I learned a lot from Chris and Martina about the off-court things," she said. "When I first came on the tour everyone thought I was shy, but I was quiet because I was observing everything. It was more a matter of me watching Chris and Martina than anything they actually said to me. I'd watch them go into a room full of people and make sure they talked to everyone, and they always seemed to want to help the game move forward. It opened my eyes. It's not just about being good on the tennis court. It's doing good things off the field, as well."

"Now everything is about what your management group thinks you should do, and how you should act like this or like that. And when you call somebody, you've got to call five different people before you're able to reach them. I mean, like *pleeeeeease*. One time I tried to talk to a player, and I had to go through 10 different people and never did get in touch with her. And she wasn't even in the Top 10 at the time."

Garrison Jackson thinks an athlete being someone for kids to look up to is fine, as long as the athletes don't portray themselves as someone they're not. "I feel I'm the same person on and off the court," she said.

King said Garrison Jackson has been a "perfect role model."

"I did a clinic with her in Houston, and that's where she's great working with the kids," said King. "She's passing down her legacy to them."

"Zina is one of those players who gives something back to the game, and I really like that. Other players put their names on things, but they don't put the effort into it the way she does. She's just been great."

Larisa Neiland, who has played doubles with Garrison Jackson this season in TeamTennis, says she has been impressed with her as a person as much as she has as a player.

"She tries to help everybody and to be nice to everyone . . . starting with kids as well as regular people," Neiland said. "You can see it's inside her, not something she feels she has to do."

Regardless of what happens in her career in the future, Garrison Jackson said she will be pleased.

She has won more than 500 matches on the pro tour, becoming only the 12th woman ever to do that.

In 1990, she defeated Monica Seles and Steffi Graf in dramatic

back-to-back three-set matches to reach the Wimbledon final, losing to Navratilova at a time when Navratilova was virtually unbeatable in big matches. Garrison Jackson became the first black woman to reach the singles championship match in a Grand Slam event since Althea Gibson won Wimbledon in 1957 and 1958.

In the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, Garrison Jackson won the bronze medal in singles, and the gold medal in doubles with Pam Shriver as her partner.

"Some people have a tendency to say, 'Well, you never won a Grand Slam,' and it's like your career is nothing if you haven't won a Grand Slam," she said. "But I feel I've

been fortunate. I've been around a nice group of people who have accomplished a lot. I've had a good career, and I'm still playing, and anything can still happen."

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Martina Navratilova, at or near the top of women's tennis for most of the last 22 years, cast a long shadow during her illustrious career that included 18 major singles titles.

By THOMAS BONK
TIMES STAFF WRITER

We are at 35,000 feet above the Rocky Mountains and Martina Navratilova says what she really wants to do is jump out of an aircraft. This is not what you expect to hear, so you quickly look around to check where the cabin doors are.

Martina does not stir in her black, lace-up boots. She sits calmly in her seat, expertly peeling a mango. Her miniature fox terrier, known as K.D. (Killer Dog) and possibly the most disagreeable canine in tennis, rests at

her side under a small cloud of a pillow.

As it turns out, the craft from which Martina says she wants to jump is a helicopter.

"I have no plans for next year," she says, "except helicopter skiing."

This activity features a person in skis jumping out of a helicopter at the top of a mountain and skiing down very fast. It is regarded as fun by many, including a 37-year-old would-be helicopter skier named Navratilova, who is also the greatest women's tennis player of all time. Watch that first step.

It seems pretty clear that at this point in her life, Navratilova's focus has shifted to what will be her last

step.

The end is in sight already for Navratilova, whose 22-year career in tennis will end when she hits her last ball in her last match in her last tournament in November at Madison Square Garden in the Virginia Slims Championships.

Until then, we have the Martina Farewell Tour, a yearlong event that so far has included unexpected success on the grass courts of Wimbledon and next week will feature her last tournament in Los Angeles, this one to be played out on the green-painted hard courts of the Manhattan Country Club in the Virginia Slims of L.A.

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For the woman who has won more tennis tournaments than anyone, who has 18 Grand Slam singles titles, who has won nearly \$20 million in prize money, who has won at least two tournaments a year for the last 19 years, who has been ranked in the top five for the last 20 years . . . well, let's simply say that after 22 years of tennis, helicopter skiing is looking pretty good right now.

And how will women's tennis fare in the post-Navratilova era? If a 37-year-old Navratilova can be ranked No. 4 and still make the final at Wimbledon, that indicates her departure might create a void as big as Centre Court. She's not going to change her mind, by the way, and stay.

"I think it's the right time for me to leave," Navratilova says. "If it's not the right time for the game, then I say tough luck. I gave it about 10 more years than it had the right to expect."

"I don't feel like I would be contributing much anyway next year because my heart's not in it. I wouldn't be doing anybody any good."

So here's the plan.

She is playing six or seven more tournaments, but maybe not the U.S. Open, to which she isn't committed yet, but certainly the Virginia Slims Championships. That's it for tennis.

Then, by December, Navratilova's house will finally be completed on her 100-acre spread in Aspen, Colo. She can move out of the barn in which she is staying now and return sole custody of it to her three horses.

When she gets to her bedroom, she can pick up her jewelry pouch from the dresser and pull out the plug of grass she removed from Centre Court on her final visit, right after she lost to Conchita Martinez four weeks ago.

Then in January, it's off to Canada and that skiing trip with the airborne ski lift. After that, who knows? At the very least, Navratilova has a lot to think about, if she ever feels comfortable doing it.

"The years all start running together," she says. "I can't remember what year . . . I remember the decade, I can't remember the year. That just means that I've been playing a long time. It's all a blink when you think about it, the last 20 years."

"Friends say, 'Oh, don't retire, don't retire,' and you know I'm not retiring, I'm just not going to play tennis. I'm going to have a blast."

But for now, the blast is going to have to wait.

TELL US, MARTINA, IS IT NOISY IN BOISE?

The day before Navratilova and her New Jersey Stars teammates show up in Boise, Ida., to play a TeamTennis match, Rick and Jon Leach of the Idaho Sneakers go kayaking on the Payette River.

"It was cool," Jon Leach says.

Maybe, but as experiences go, it can't compare with Rick Leach's when he asks for one of Navratilova's rackets after the match and she gives him one.

"It's going in the trophy case," he says.

Navratilova has a contract to play one more year of World TeamTennis, a struggling, monthlong exhibition series featuring mostly minor players in mostly minor cities. The highest-ranking men's player is San Antonio's Christo van Rensburg, who is No. 147 on the ATP Tour.

In these bush leagues, Navratilova is unquestionably the star. She is introduced by the public-address announcer as "the greatest lady in tennis," and the nearly 8,000 in the stands seem to agree. Hundreds form lines at the exits after the match hoping for an autograph while Navratilova holds an impromptu news conference on court.

Somebody asks about her greatest rivalry.

Easy question.

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Chris Evert is 39 and has two young sons. She also lives in Aspen, not too far from Navratilova, which probably isn't that surprising because their proximity to one another was the major story line of women's tennis for 16 years, 1973-88.

They played 80 matches, 189 sets and 12 tiebreakers. Navratilova held a 43-37 advantage and won 13 consecutive times in a span of nearly three years from 1982 to '85. If anyone fully appreciates how dominant Navratilova was in that period, it is Evert.

"She won the match before I stepped on the court," Evert says. "I knew I couldn't win. Mentally, she had already won. And I was No. 2 in the world . . . imagine what she was doing to the other players. She was invincible."

Navratilova can't recall what invincibility felt like.

"It's so long ago, I don't remember," she says. "But I knew I was going to win. That takes a lot of pressure off. I knew even if I didn't play my average, I would still win. I could do that even against the top players. I was playing so well, my average was that much better than anybody else. It's like you forget how to lose."

Navratilova was 89-14 in 1981, 90-3 in 1982, 86-1 in 1983 and 78-2 in 1984, the year her 74-match winning streak finally ended with a loss to Helena Sukova that December in the semifinals of the Australian Open. She won 15 tournaments in 1982, 16 in 1983 and 13 in 1984 on her way to a record 167 titles.

Evert was not surprised by Navratilova's Wimbledon farewell, not after Steffi Graf was defeated in the first round. And even though Navratilova's quest for a 10th Wimbledon singles title fell short, Evert is not convinced it was all that bad a thing.

"I think that was the signal, 'Martina, it's time to stop,'" says Evert, who retired in 1989. "If she had won, in her mind, she might have made the wrong decision about not playing. Let's face it, you always want

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to go out on top, but [John] McEnroe, myself, Jimmy [Connors], Billie Jean [King], we all didn't do it.

So losing at Wimbledon was a blessing in disguise for Martina. I think she's more comfortable now with her retirement. Billie Jean was playing on and losing to people she shouldn't have and she didn't care. But Martina, she's going out on top, and that's important to a player."

Navratilova and Evert have grown closer over the years, but there was a time when they probably would have preferred to jam a racket down the other's throat. They didn't have much to do with one another, except on court. It was the women's tennis answer to Bjorn Borg-McEnroe as tennis shot to greater popularity, fueled by the spectacle of rivalries.

"People love rivalries," Navratilova says. "You've got to have rivalries, and we certainly had it going. Most of the times, one of us was No. 1 and the other was No. 2. It's hard to have a rivalry between No. 1 and No. 10 or No. 3 and No. 8 or whatever."

Navratilova says the reason she didn't get along with Evert was because she was being coached that way.

Nancy Lieberman, who had been a noted college basketball player at Old Dominion, began working with Navratilova to toughen her mental approach and to strengthen her body.

"There were a couple of years when I was beating Chris and Nancy was sort of saying, 'You've got to hate your opponents,'" Navratilova says. "So I got a little bit carried away with the killer instinct."

Evert says the first match that Lieberman saw Navratilova play was in Amelia Island, Fla., in 1981, the final of the Women's International Tennis Assn. championships. Evert won, 6-0, 6-0. At that point in the series, Evert had won 27 of the first 40 matches against Navratilova. After that match, Navratilova won 30 of the next 40.

"That was the turning point," Evert says. "I did her a favor beating her, 6-0, 6-0. Nancy was asking her how humiliating it was and that was the beginning of the new Martina, the whole physical edge."

Lieberman, now Lieberman-Cline, lives in Dallas with her husband and newborn son. She has a successful career as a television commentator for basketball games and runs a sports marketing company. She also has a softer definition of the killer instinct she instilled in Navratilova, with whom she was affiliated in the early 1980s.

"I just made her more competitive," Lieberman-Cline says. "For a time, she needed to go totally opposite to what she was because she was so passive. Mentally,

she was competitive, but she had a lot of feeling for the people she was playing.

"The example was Chris—so mentally strong and dominating. Martina went out there to play tennis, and Chris went out there for war. In 1981, Martina needed to be pushed."

How a person is perceived is not in the control of that person. Navratilova is well aware of this truth, but she believes she is being perceived quite differently than in years past. She also believes how she is viewed relative to Evert is not as it once was.

"I think the perception of the All-American woman has changed over the years," Navratilova says. "Chris was the epitome of it in the 1960s and '70s, but in the '80s it started changing. Sure, she's still the same great person, but it's more

accepted to be outspoken, to be a feminist, to have a muscular body, and your goal in life is not to be a housewife anymore—it's to do something with your life—and I fit that mold a lot more than Chris does.

"Had I been born 20 years later, I would have been accepted much more than I have. I've stayed the same, but they have accepted me because attitudes have changed."

THE FANS LINE UP IN SAN ANTONIO ROWS

It takes a phalanx of five security guards to get Navratilova into the changing room at McFarlin Tennis Center in San Antonio after another World Team Tennis match. Navratilova looks weary from all the attention at the scene, which is a far cry from the team's afternoon practice when only a few braved the broiling sun for a glimpse of her.

Navratilova is discussing "Forrest Gump," a film she saw the night before.

"It doesn't let smart people off the hook," she says. "If so-called stupid people can perform heroic acts, what does that mean smart people can do?"

The dream of many tennis fans in San Antonio is to get Navratilova's autograph. Some lucky ones get their visors or shirts or programs or pictures signed, but many don't.

Brad Williams also feels fortunate, but for a different reason. Williams is a reporter for the Texas Triangle, a biweekly gay and lesbian publication in Austin. Navratilova has agreed to give him an interview.

"I'm 27 and I have been aware of the Martina phenomenon since I was 8," Williams says. "She's been a role model my whole life, even before I knew what gay was or that I was gay. A lot of people see her as a major leader in the movement after her retirement. . . . How could she not be?"

Anyone familiar with interviewing Navratilova knows well that she is one of the most quotable athletes around. It seems she has an opinion on almost everything and is perfectly capable of expressing it.

But it has been something of a recent event that Navratilova has been so outspoken about gay issues, dating to the 1992 Colorado anti-gay constitutional amendment. Navratilova also caused a stir after Magic Johnson announced that he had HIV when she said if a woman had made the same admission, she would have been branded as a slut.

Navratilova is an extremely popular figure among gays, partly because she is so

visible.

She is going to be even more outspoken in her retirement.

"I'll be an active activist," she says. "The environment, gay rights, which is equal rights. I want the right to adopt a baby, fight for my country, teach in school and not be fired because I'm gay, want the right to be married. Gay rights are huge because we don't have any."

Navratilova's relationships with Rita Mae Brown and Judy Nelson ended badly—Nelson sued Navratilova and reached a multimillion-dollar out-of-court settlement. Navratilova's new companion is Danda Jarolimek, who was among Navratilova's many friends staying with her at a rented house in Wimbledon to see the last week on Centre Court.

As the Martina Farewell Tour moves on toward its inevitable conclusion, the chances to see Navratilova play grow fewer and the anticipated reception for her becomes larger. So far, it has been somewhere between amused novelty and unbridled hysteria. As usual, Navratilova manages to provoke a reaction, and this time, it has been mostly good.

"I find it surprising, the level of support I've been getting, particularly because I'm gay," she says. "That's kept a lot of people from accepting me for a long time, but most of them have gotten over it."

"I still get introduced here and there and I hear jeers and boos from two or three people. Chris never had to hear that. I used to have a lot more of it, obviously. I still hear it and it hurts. To think that something like that would define somebody's perception of you as a human being is pretty scary."

THE LONG GOODBY

It's going to take about 11 months for Navratilova to leave, which amounts to one month for every two years she has played on the professional tour. Navratilova has lasted long enough to win 167 tournaments and that averages out to more than seven a year for her 22 years.

A left-hander and one of the best serve-and-volley specialists in the women's game, Navratilova was born on Oct. 18, 1956 in Prague, in the former Czechoslovakia, and grew up in France. She defected to the United States in 1975 and became a naturalized citizen in 1981.

She won her first Grand Slam singles title in 1975 at Wimbledon when she defeated Evie. Her last one was four years ago, also at Wimbledon, when she defeated Zina Garrison Jackson in the final.

Navratilova's 1990 Wimbledon title, the ninth she had on the court inside the ivy-covered brick walls on Church Road, might be partly attributed to the influence of her mentor, King, and her coach, Craig Kardon. King and Kardon rescued Navratilova from so-called burnout in 1989

and turned her around.

Kardon says he never believed he would have coached Navratilova for six years.

"Six months, I would have believed that," he says.

Now there are only six months left coaching Navratilova.

"It's difficult for me because I don't know how tough to be on her since she's going to be stopping," Kardon says. "It's been a real roller coaster. That makes what happened at Wimbledon so unbelievable. She was losing so many bad matches on clay, I didn't know if she was even going to make it to Wimbledon after losing in the first round of the French Open."

Through a spokesperson, King says she will not talk about Navratilova. King says she would be interviewed only about Team Tennis.

As Navratilova's doubles partner for most of the 1980s, Pam Shriver knew Navratilova as a player and a person as well as anyone. Shriver doesn't expect to see anyone like Navratilova again.

"She's an original, she's unique, she's a legend—who do you replace her with?" Shriver says. "Compared to anyone else, Martina kind of stands out even more glaringly."

Together they won 109 consecutive doubles matches and eight consecutive Grand Slam titles. How such a successful union could be formed from such a liberal as Navratilova and a staunch Republican as Shriver, who played tennis with George Bush when he was in office, well, it seems hard to imagine.

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MARTINA NAVRATILOVA



Associated Press

Navratilova's ninth Wimbledon singles title in 1990 was her last Grand Slam championship.

Navratilova offers an explanation. "Pam played the right side and I played the left side," Navratilova says. "But it seemed that [one of us] always played the middle. The Republicans and Democrats could learn from that."

Until the tour ends, we can reflect on what we have learned from Navratilova. Part of it is great tennis—overpowering, dominating, flamboyant tennis. Another part is the opportunity to view a work in progress of a person, a study in freedom of expression and lifestyle.

So the tour goes on and Navratilova promises to try to keep her mind on her business.

"I haven't been swept up in the emotion yet, except maybe in the beginning, but it's going to be hard not to get caught up in it at the end," she says. "For now, I still have to play. I have to detach myself. I can get caught up in it when it's over."

And it will be over all too soon. When it is, someone will start writing Navratilova's legacy for her. Actually, she has her own walk-away line.

"I served and volleyed my way through life," she says.

Warm up the helicopter and prepare those skis. Life Phase II is not that far off. The first phase has gone better than anyone could have dreamed.

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"I think it's the right time for me to leave," said Navratilova, who said goodbye to Wimbledon this year after reaching the final.

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Men's, Women's Pro Tennis Tournaments Held Nearby

The world's top women follow some of the finest men to ever grace a tennis court in pro tournaments held north and south of Culver City the next few weeks.

The Los Angeles Open Presented by Infiniti is held at the Los Angeles Tennis Center, UCLA, through this Sunday, in men's singles and doubles play. Phone is 824-1010.

The ladies play in the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, presented by BMW, August 8-14, at the Manhattan Country Club, 1330 Park View Drive, Manhattan Beach. Day and evening

matches are held Monday through Saturday. Finals are Sunday, Aug. 14, 2 pm.

Women's League Plays Basketball

The Women's Basketball League seeks players for its Sunday afternoon games held at Culver City High School. Call Cindi Woollacott at 310-470-3413 or fax (310) 552-7552.

League is sanctioned by the Culver City Municipal Sports Association and the Culver City Dept. of Human Services.

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**Rayor Financial
sponsors Slims** 8-74

Rayor Financial Services has signed on as a major sponsor of the Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament, to be held Aug. 8 through Aug. 14 at the Manhattan Beach Tennis Club.

Rayor will host a poolside party at the club during the tournament and offer free TRW credit reports at their booth.

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Martina brings her tennis mastery to L.A. for the last time. Photo by James Byrom

Navratilova bids farewell to Angelinos

Tennis legend Martina Navratilova makes her final Los Angeles appearance this week, at the Virginia Slims tournament in Manhattan Beach.

Navratilova, the most successful player in the history of professional tennis, will be going after a record ninth Los Angeles title and the 168th singles title of her career.

Navratilova has won nine Wimbledon titles and four U.S. Open crowns.

She plays at the Slims tournament at the Manhattan Country Club through Sunday.

The 37-year-old Aspen, Colo. resident is likely to battle it out with top seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain for the Slims' \$80,000 first prize.

In recognition of her final visit to Los Angeles, Navratilova has teamed up with the American Red Cross to make the occasion a fundraiser for victims of the Jan. 17 Northridge Earthquake.

Fans are invited to pen a farewell message to Navratilova, along with a donation to the American Red Cross, c/o Martina Navratilova, Box 570506, Tarzana CA 91357.

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Navratilova Receives Messages from Fans

Fans of Martina Navratilova are being asked to participate in a tribute to her final singles appearance in Los Angeles by writing letters wishing "Farewell, but not goodbye" to the woman considered to be the greatest player in history of women's tennis.

She will be making her final appearance in the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tournament which will be held at the Manhattan Country Club from August 8 to 14.

Fans are invited to write their messages and kind wishes and make a donation in her name of \$1 or more to be donated to the American Red Cross for the Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund benefiting the victims of the January 17 earthquake.

Through the support of tennis clubs and organizations, including the Riviera Tennis Club, Navratilova will be given a grand slam style farewell.

Letters and donations may be sent to VSLA/Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tarzana, Ca. 91357. Checks can be made out to American Red Cross/Virginia Slims.

The cards and letters collected will be bound in a souvenir scrapbook and presented during the tournaments.

Players joining Navratilova in the tournament include Kimiko Date, Lindsay Davenport, Jana Novotna, Natalia Zvereva, Gabriela Sabatini, Zina Garrison Jackson and Lori McNeil.

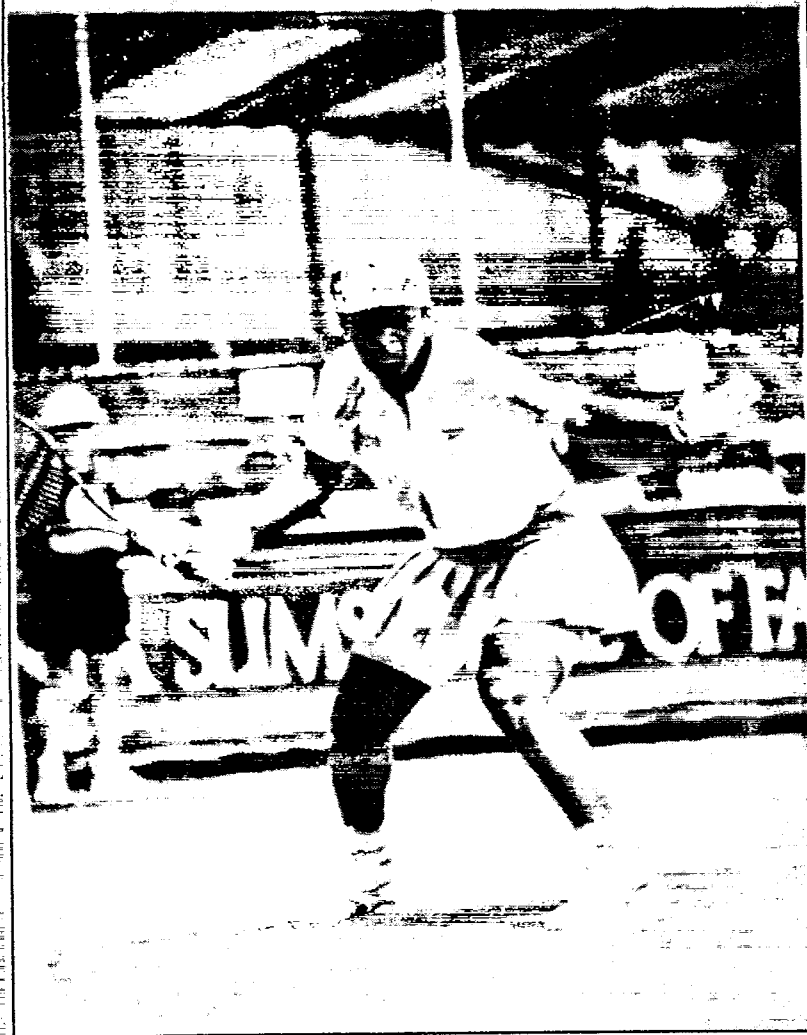
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1994 Virginia Slims Of Los Angeles



Zina Garrison - Jackson will be one of the main attractions at the 1994 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, August 8-14, at the Manhattan Country Club.

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TENNIS BEAT

Shelton a Wild Card in L.A. Open

Bryan Shelton has accepted the first wildcard bid for the 68th annual Los Angeles Open presented by Infiniti. This World Series event on the IBM/ATP Tour is being held through Aug. 7 in the Thrifty Corporation Stadium at UCLA's Los Angeles Tennis Center.

"We are thrilled to have a player of Bryan's caliber at the Los Angeles Open," said L.A. Open Tournament Director Bob Kramer. "A gentleman and a sportsman, he is a role model to youngsters throughout the world."

Collecting his first top victory in a grand slam event by defeating Michael Stich at Wimbledon, Shelton reached the Round of 16—also his best Grand Slam result. This year he has also made it to the quarterfinals at San Jose, Mexico City and Coral Springs. Besides posting strong singles results, the 29-year old captured his first Tour doubles title with Francisco Montana at Mexico City earlier this year.

Shelton currently resides in At-

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lanta, where he earned All-American honors in 1988 at Georgia Institute of Technology. During his senior year, he reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championships. In 1991, the Huntsville, Alabama native won his first ATP Tour title at Newport, becoming the first African American to claim a singles title since Arthur Ashe did so at Los Angeles in 1978. In the following year, he returned to Newport and successfully defended his title.

Shelton will be joining Andre Agassi, Boris Becker, Michael Chang and Richard Krajicek at UCLA.

Tickets for the Los Angeles open are priced from \$10 to \$34 and may be reserved by phoning (310) 824-1010.

TENNIS NOTES

The L.A. Urban League Urbanites' "Games People Play" is set for next Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Braemar Country Club in Encino. A myriad of activities is always featured in the Urbanites annual event, including whist and tennis tournaments. The Urbanites is a support group for the LAUL and this year's Games People Play is sponsored by Anheuser Busch, the California Lottery and 7-Up/RC Bottling Company. For more information, call (213) 299-3677.

Rancho Cienga Tennis Club member Toussant McCall is now district coordinator for USTA's Southwest Los Angeles Team Tennis Leagues. In November, Rancho's Big Hitters team will represent Southern California at the national in Arizona. Team members include McCall, who is the team captain, James Black, Ted Brown, Tony Dickerson, Lee Harris, Sanford Howie, Walter Johnson and Ron West. A team photo appeared in the summer issue of *Tennis West Magazine*.

Local pro Steven Joyner, who teaches at The Tennis Place, is getting married and the lucky young lady is Tameka Smith. Joyner is one of the hardest-working young pros at The Tennis Place. His father is the well-known and veteran ranked player Cyrus Joyner.

The newly-formed United Metro Tennis Clubs is having a fundraiser this weekend at the Airport Marina Hotel. A dance will kick off the organization's commitment to excellence. The visionary club hopes to help bring together coaches, teachers, players and supporters in order to nurture players with blue-chip potential and help them reach that potential. For tickets or more information about the organization, call (310) 419-4195.

The latest word on future star Venus Williams is that she will not be playing in the Los Angeles Virginia Slims Tournament. Her father felt that she should hold off a while longer. Meanwhile, Venus and her sister Serena, were the subjects of an article by Pam Shriver in this month's *Tennis Magazine*. The article answers a lot of critics who have questioned the girls' ability. Shriver feels that the girls are exceptional players and that their no-competition strategy is not hurting them. "Give the Williams sisters a chance," Shriver wrote.

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MARTINA STILL WAVERS: Martina Navratilova, 37, who has been wavering since Wimbledon about playing in her 22nd U.S. Open at Flushing Meadows, N.Y., confirmed Wednesday she'll make no decision until after the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, which begins Monday. Navratilova has won the Open four times (1983-84, '86-87) but has not advanced beyond the fourth round since 1991. (Tennis results, 9C)

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Virginia Slims at Manhattan Country Club Monday, Aug. 8

Eight-time winner and defending champion Martina Navratilova will make her final appearance at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles starting Monday, Aug. 8, and continuing through Aug. 14 at the Manhattan Country Club.

Navratilova will be challenged by Lindsay Davenport, Jana Novotna, Natalia Zvereva, Gabriela Sabatini, Zina Garrison-Jackson and Lori McNeil.

Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$28 and are available at Ticketmaster outlets and Music Plus or by calling the tournament office at 546-7753. The Manhattan Country Club is located at 1330 Park View Ave. in Manhattan Beach.

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Sabatini, Zvereva withdraw from Virginia Slims of L.A.:

Gabriela Sabatini and Natalia Zvereva withdrew Thursday from next week's \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles in Manhattan Beach, leaving the tournament without four of the world's top 10 players.

Sabatini, ranked 10th, has tendinitis in her right shoulder and ninth-ranked Zvereva has a stress fracture in her rib cage.

Earlier, Mary Pierce withdrew as a result of rearranging her tour schedule. Kimiko Date, ranked fifth, withdrew because of a sprained ankle.

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■ SABATINI OUT:

MANHATTAN BEACH — Gabriela Sabatini and Natalia Zvereva withdrew Thursday from next week's \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, leaving the tournament without four of the world's top 10 players. 8-74

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Fourth-ranked Martina Navratilova is the highest-ranked player in the 56-woman field.

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Martina Navratilova will be honored at the Virginia Slims tournament in Los Angeles being held Monday through Aug. 14. Fans are welcome to send letters honoring her and to send donations, which will be given to the **American Red Cross** to benefit victims of the Jan. 17 earthquake. Letters and checks (made out to American Red Cross/Virginia Slims) should be sent to VSLA/Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tarzana, Calif. 91357. Individuals who wish to attend the matches may call (310) 546-7753 for tickets (prices range from \$10 to \$30).

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Gabriela Sabatini and Natalia Zvereva have withdrawn from the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles due to injuries. Sabatini has tendinitis of the right shoulder, Zvereva a stress fracture of the rib cage.

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TENNIS: Second seed Boris Becker of Germany advanced Thursday to the quarterfinals at the Los Angeles Open by defeating the USA's Chuck Adams 7-6 (7-4), 6-1. Also: Gabriela Sabatini (tendinitis, right shoulder) and Natalia Zvereva (stress fracture, rib cage) withdrew from next week's \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, leaving Martina Navratilova, No. 4, the highest-ranked player in the tournament. . . . Second seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain defeated 15th seed Marianne Werdel of San Diego 0-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the Toshiba Classic at Carlsbad, Calif.

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Gabriela Sabatini and
Natalia Zvereva withdrew
from next week's \$400,000
Virginia Slims of Los
Angeles, leaving the
Manhattan Beach
tournament without four of
the world's top 10 players.

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shoulder and ninth-ranked
Zvereva has a stress fracture
in her rib cage.

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Sabatini, Zvereva pass on LA Slims

Gabriela Sabatini and Natalia Zvereva withdrew from next week's \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, leaving the tournament without four of the world's top 10 players.

Sabatini, ranked 10th, has tendinitis in her right shoulder and ninth-ranked Zvereva has a stress fracture in her rib cage.

Earlier, Mary Pierce withdrew as a result of rearranging her tour schedule. She recently skipped Wimbledon. Kimiko Date, ranked fifth, withdrew because of a sprained ankle.

That leaves No. 4 Martina Navratilova as the highest-ranked player in the 56-player field.

Other top players scheduled to

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appear are Lindsay Davenport, Jana Novotna, Zina Garrison Jackson and Lori McNeil.

More tennis: Top-seeded Sergi Bruguera of Spain beat Hungary's Jozsef Krocsko, 6-1, 6-1, to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$365,000 Skoda Czech Open play-court tournament at Prague, Czech Republic. **Basketball:** A

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Lori McNeil withdrew from the
Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tournament
due to a knee injury.

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Orange County
Register
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McNeil withdraws from Slims of L.A.

Lori McNeil became the fifth top player to withdraw from next week's \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles at Manhattan Country Club, and the defections might not be over yet. 6-74

McNeil, ranked 15th, dropped out Friday because of a sore knee, and No. 6 Lindsay Davenport was listed as questionable after straining her left calf muscle in a third-round match at the Toshiba Classic in Carlsbad.

Other players who have withdrawn are No. 6 Kimiko Date (sprained ankle), No. 7 Mary Pierce (rearranged schedule), Natalia Zvereva (fractured ribs) and Gabriela Sabatini (shoulder tendinitis).

All might not be lost, however. Slims and WTA officials are looking to attract another top player, possibly Conchita Martinez.

By JANIS CARR/The Register

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Names in the News

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Lori McNeil has withdrawn from the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tennis tournament next week because of a knee injury.

Jim Reilly, 46, a former Buffalo Bill and Notre Dame offensive lineman, died of a heart attack while playing basketball in Fredonia, N.Y., on Wednesday. Reilly was Buffalo's third-round draft choice in 1970.

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Graf survives small scare

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Associated Press

Steffi Graf hits a forehand during her match against Julie Halard.

Associated Press.

CARLSBAD — Steffi Graf rebounded from a second-set tiebreaker loss to win a quarterfinal match over France's Julie Halard 6-4, 6-7 (6-8), 6-0 on Friday in the \$400,000 Toshiba Classic.

The top-ranked Graf was extended through the first two sets before dominating an obviously fatigued Halard in the final set at the La Costa Resort and Spa.

"I can't say I'm very pleased with the way I'm playing," Graf said. "Things went better in the third set, but it was because she got tired."

In other quarterfinals, No. 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain needed just 51 minutes to oust Germany's Christina Singer, 6-0, 6-1, and third-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain routed No. 8 Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-2.

TOSHIBA CLASSIC

Sixth-seeded Lindsay Davenport of Murrieta defaulted her match against Tami Whitlinger-Jones of Henderson, Nev., due to a left calf strain.

Davenport sustained the injury while leading 2-0 in her fourth-round match Thursday night against Ann Grossman. Davenport won 6-1, 6-2, but withdrew from her doubles match that followed.

"If it's still hurting like this Monday or Tuesday of next week, there's no way I could play at Los Angeles," she said.

Davenport is scheduled to play at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles next week. If she drops out of the tournament, she would be the sixth notable player to do so.

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In today's semifinals, Graf faces Whitlinger-Jones, while Sanchez Vicario plays her Federation Cup doubles partner, Martinez. Sanchez Vicario, who holds a 5-2 career edge over Martinez, lost to her in three sets at the U.S. Hardcourts final last week.

The tiebreaker loss for Graf was the second set she has dropped here. Graf lost the first set Wednesday to Lisa Raymond before winning 6-7 (8-10), 6-2, 6-2.

"I don't think I'm closing out matches very well," Graf said. "I just don't feel 100 percent on the court."

Though she won the first set, Graf still struggled. It showed in the second set as both players were on serve until Graf broke Halard in the sixth game to go up 4-2.

When Graf held serve for a 5-2 lead, the match appeared over. But Halard won the next three games to even the match 5-5. Even after Graf

served for a 6-5 lead, Halard came back.

First, she aced Graf at 40-30 to send the set into a tiebreaker. Halard took a 5-2 lead in the tiebreaker, watched Graf tie it at 5-5 and 6-6, before closing out with an easy volley and a tough serve that Graf couldn't handle.

But the third set belonged to Graf.

"It was hard to serve in the first game of the third set," Halard said. "I was tired. It's hard to be good in three sets with her because she makes me run a lot."

Sanchez Vicario was on her game after surviving a scare Thursday night when she dropped the first set to Marianne Werdel before prevailing, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.

"I think that match helped me a lot," Sanchez Vicario said. "This morning I was very hungry to try and play very well and play much better. I was ready to play today."

Sanchez Vicario returned the ball well against Singer's serve-and-volley game, while putting in 70 percent of her first serves.

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Wimbledon Champion Martinez Enters L.A. Women's Tournament

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After losing four of its top players, the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles got a boost Saturday when Wimbledon champion Conchita Martínez of Spain entered the tournament, which begins Monday at the Manhattan Country Club.

Martinez gives the event some much-needed depth after Kimiko Date, Lori McNeil, Gabriela Sabatini and Natalia Zvereva dropped out last week because of injuries.

Martinez, ranked third in the world, is the tournament's top-seeded player, followed by Martina Navratilova, Lindsay Davenport and Jana Novotna.

Martinez stopped Navratilova from winning her 10th singles title in a memorable three-set final at Wimbledon in July. She also reached the semifinals of the French Open before losing to eventual winner Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and the quarterfinals of the Australian Open where she lost to Date.

Qualifying matches will end today with the tournament starting at 9 a.m. Monday. The top eight seeded players drew first-round byes.

—ELLIOTT ALMOND

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Ailing Davenport unsure on Slims

The Press-Enterprise

Sixth-ranked Lindsay Davenport, who withdrew before her quarterfinals match Friday in the Toshiba Tennis Classic in Carlsbad because of a pulled muscle in her left calf, yesterday said she does not know if she'll be able to compete in this week's Virginia Slims of Los Angeles.

Davenport, of Murrieta, injured

her calf while going for a volley against Ann Grossman on Thursday. She won the match, 6-1, 6-2, but pulled out of her doubles match later that day.

Davenport said she hopes to know by tomorrow whether she will play at the Slims, held at the Manhattan Beach Country Club. Mary Pierce, Kimiko Date, Lori McNeil, Natalia Zvereva and Gabriela Sabatini all have withdrawn

from the event.

Meanwhile, third-ranked Conchita Martinez has entered the Slims, making her, not No. 4 Martina Navratilova, the highest-ranked player at the event.

Today's Qualifying Matches
(Matches begin at 9:30 a.m.)

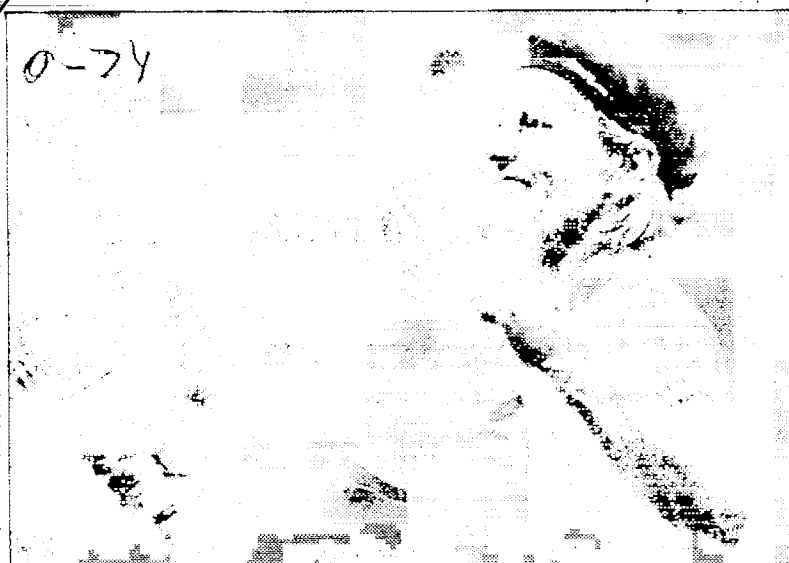
Stadium Court — Maria Alejandra Vento vs. Jana Nejedly;
Katrina Adams vs. Danielle Scott; Rene Simpson-Alter vs.
Christina Papadaki; Shannan McCarthy vs. Rita Grande.
Court 6 — Ann Henricksson vs. Fabiola Zuluaga; Melisa
Mazzotta vs. Nicole Pratt; Nathalie Baudone vs. Dinky Van
Rensberg; Erika de Lone vs. Mercedes Paz.

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Tennis fans will get their last chance to see Martina Navratilova play competitive singles during the Slims of Los Angeles. File photo

Navratilova gives L.A. fans a last solo glimpse

Slims tournament set for this week

Officials of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tennis tournament are asking Martina Navratilova fans to participate in a tribute to her final singles appearance in Los Angeles by writing letters to what many consider the greatest player in women's tennis history.

Navratilova, a longtime fan favorite in Los Angeles, has joined with the American Red Cross to help raise money for the Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund benefiting victims of the Jan. 17 Northridge earthquake.

Navratilova fans are invited to pen a farewell message to her and make a \$1 or more donation

in her name to aid earthquake victims.

Letters and donations should be sent to VSLA/Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tarzana, CA 91357.

The cards and letters will be bound in a souvenir scrapbook and presented to Navratilova on court during the tournament, to be played tomorrow through Aug. 14 at the Manhattan Country Club in Manhattan Beach.

Navratilova, who has won the tournament the past two years and eight times in her career, is retiring from competitive tennis after this season.

Tickets prices range from \$10 to \$30. For more information, call the tournament office at (310) 546-7753.

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Martina's final go-around

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*Tennis superstar
gunning for her
ninth Slims title*

By Mitch Chortkoff

STAFF WRITER

It was an emotional scene when Martina Navratilova played at Wimbledon for the last time.

It doesn't have the same magnitude on a world-wide scale, but it's still a pretty big deal around here that Navratilova will play locally for the last time this week.

Navratilova, the 37-year-old superstar of women's tennis, will appear in one of her favorite tournaments, the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles at the Manhattan Country Club.

The tournament will begin Monday and conclude Sunday.

Navratilova is the defending champion and has won the tournament a record eight times.

An unprecedented number of withdrawals have marred tournament preparations but officials secured the appearance Saturday of Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez as a late replacement.

Now it's possible for Navratilova and Martinez to meet for the first time since their Wimbledon final.

Defections include Mary Pierce to play matches for France and Kimiko Date (sprained ankle), Lori McNeil (sore knee), Gabriela Sabatini (shoulder tendinitis) and Natal-

ia Zvereva (fractured ribs).

Lindsay Davenport, the former Chadwick School star, was questionable after straining her left calf in Carlsbad this week but says she'll be able to compete.

Whoever plays will have Navratilova in their path to a championship.

Navratilova is also planning to announce during the week whether she'll play at the upcoming U.S. Open.

Navratilova reflects on her career by saying she doesn't think of herself as a heroine to sports fans.

"It's hard to think of yourself that way," she said. "I think of myself more as a role model."

Navratilova is being cheered on her final tour stops and trying not to let the added attention detract from her concentration on the court.

"It was more difficult at the beginning of the year," she said. "I was trying too hard to do well and make a good final impression. I was pressing."

"That ended at Wimbledon. I was able to relax and started enjoying every moment."

Navratilova even hedges

7 p.m.; Saturday (semis), 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday (finals) 2 p.m.

■ **PRIZE MONEY:** \$400,000 with the winner receiving \$80,000.

■ **DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Martina Navratilova.

about totally quitting active play.

"I could play again," she said. "Time is running out by my own choice but I'm still fit."

Navratilova has been a regular in TeamTennis and hinted she might continue to play in that one-month format. Or coach one of the teams.

Navratilova has few regrets about a career that includes nine Wimbledon singles titles.

"I've always done the best I can," she said. "That's something which can be said about me."

Some other prominent competitors in the \$400,000 tournament will be Jana Novotna, Zina Garrison Jackson and Pam Shriver.

Before the defections began the tournament had seven of the world's top-10-ranked players.

The tournament is in its 23rd year in Southern California.

This is one of six Virginia Slims-sponsored events on the WTA tour which ends with the championships in New York in November.

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Slims is slim except for Navratilova

By Joe Jares

Daily News Staff Writer

The Martina Navratilova Farewell Tour stops in Manhattan Beach this week as a delicious subplot of the \$400,000 Virginia Slims tournament.

Perhaps the greatest woman tennis player of all time, almost 38 but good enough to have reached this year's Wimbledon final, is calling it quits to go helicopter skiing, among other pursuits.

While her last appearance in L.A. as a competitor enhances the event at the Manhattan Country Club (she's won it eight times, including the last two), the main plot has looked Slims indeed:

■ Mary Pierce, finalist in the French Open, dropped out because she "rearranged her tour schedule."

■ Kimiko Date, maybe the best Asian woman ever, dropped out because of a sprained ankle.

■ Gabriela Sabatini. Tendinitis of the right shoulder. Out.

■ Natalia Zvereva. Stress fracture of the rib cage. Out.

■ Monica Seles and Jennifer Capriati. Presumed to be somewhere getting their heads straight. Never entered.

■ Steffi Graf, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez, the top three women in the world. Never entered (although all of them played in the San Diego tournament that concludes today).

It was beginning to look as if Navratilova wouldn't have any company at Manhattan Beach except her dogs and her old doubles partner, Pam Shriver.

The local promoters and the Women's Tennis Association, seeing that the L.A. field badly needed a transfusion, announced Saturday that Martinez, ranked No. 3 in the world, had become a last-minute entry.

the United States at Forest Hills (then the site of the U.S. Open).

And mostly, how she won nine Wimbledon singles championships, despite the best competition in the world and the constant prying into her love life by the English tabloids.

Manhattan Beach has been one

of her regular stops. This week will be the last. In a few months, in New York City, she'll compete in her last tournament.

"It's time," said her friend Shriver. "If she'd played one more year, it would have been a stretch.

"She's irreplaceable. Martina is larger than life."

Martinez beat Navratilova in three sets in the Wimbledon final.

So the Spaniard becomes the Slims' top seed, Navratilova moves down to the second seed, and if the tennis gods are just — or interested in a good story — the two will meet in the final.

The rest of the top seeds in the 56-woman draw, in order: Lindsay Davenport (the California teenager who has risen to sixth on the globe), Jana Novotna, Zina Garrison, Jackson, Anke Huber and Julie Halard.

Memories and stories of Martina are sure to be batted back and forth in Manhattan Beach as much as the balls.

How a Czech teen-ager with immense talent but no discernible waistline (she was once described as being shaped like a Pilsener keg) became a trim, muscular tribute to physical fitness.

How at age 17 she won 13 of 22 matches and her first professional tournament, at Orlando, Fla.

How at 18, fed up with the Czech Tennis Federation, she defected to

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Fitness club bash helps Heal the Bay

Get ready for one of the summer's hottest events — a fun-filled, star-studded evening of casino games, dinner, dancing, music by the Regal Crusaders, Joe's Band and Shades of Blue, hosted by the Spectrum Club Manhattan Beach to benefit Heal the Bay.

Set for Aug. 20, it's the fitness club's annual summer bash to bring in the bucks for Heal the Bay's commitment to a "swimmable, fishable ocean."

Expected to attend are Heal the Bay's new board members: Philip Boesch Jr., Ken Enrllich, Debra Hill, Mel Levine and Wendy Rains.

Tickets to the benefit, which includes \$50 worth of casino "money" and a chance to win a six-month membership to Spectrum Club, are a mere \$25... if you purchase them at the club. Otherwise tickets purchased the night of the event will cost \$30. Call 784-7029 or 643-6878.

Cars ... cars

The 14th Annual Beverly Hills Charity Car Show brings with it "Cars of the Comics" on the front lawn of the Beverly Hills High School from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

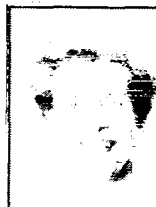
Included in the special exhibit will be Phyllis Diller's 1968 Excalibur Roadster Convertible. Tickets at \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 will benefit the Blind Children's Center, DARE, the Beverly Hills CPR Committee and the Beverly Hills CPR Committee and the Beverly Hills Education Foundation.

Celebration

Women in Commercial Real Estate celebrates its 10th anniversary with a showing of fashions provided by Nancy Heller for Saks Fifth Avenue at 6 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Olympic Collection.

The event will benefit Wom-

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en's Care Cottage, an assistance agency for homeless women and children. Attendees are being asked to bring business attire and children's clothing to assist WCC in its efforts.

Farewell

Tennis great Martina Navratilova makes her final singles appearance at the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles Aug. 8-14 with a grand slam-style farewell that will benefit the American Red Cross and the Jan. 17 earthquake victims.

Navratilova fans are being asked to send letters of "farewell" and a \$1 or more donation (in her name) to the American Red Cross/Virginia Slims, care of VSLA/Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 570506, Tazana 91357.

Hot tip

Want some hot jazz? Take yourself on down to Del Mar for the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's Wednesday evening jazz concerts (free to all racegoers) Aug. 3 through Sept. 7.

Kudos to ...

PATH (People Assisting the Homeless), which celebrated its 10th anniversary recently with a luncheon at the Regent Beverly Wilshire that raised more than \$99,000.

... Cardiologist Dr. Howard N. Allen, who received the American Heart Association Greater L.A. Affiliate's "Heart of Gold" award during a dinner at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Century City.

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Virginia Slims Women's Tennis, Aug. 8-14. The tournament this year gets extra spin with new superstar Mary Pierce and Martina Navratilova's last L.A. singles appearance. ■ Call for schedule. Tickets, \$10-\$30. Manhattan Country Club, 1330 Park View Ave., Manhattan Beach, 310-546-7753.

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Virginia Slims Tournament Rolls Into Manhattan Country Club

August 8 - 14

Final WTA Tour Hardcourt Event Before the U.S. Open is \$150,000 Open in Schenectady August 28

MANHATTAN BEACH, CA — Fifty-six women singles players and thirty-two top doubles teams will vie for \$400,000 in prize money with the winner receiving \$80,000 in the Virginia Slims Tournament August 8 - 14. The tournament is now in its 23rd year and twelfth year at the Manhattan Country Club at 1330 Park View Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California just off the 405 Freeway (Rosecrans exit), east of Sepulveda Boulevard.

Eight-time winner and defending champion in her final singles appearance in Los Angeles, Martina Navratilova (No. 4), Lindsay Davenport (No. 6), Jana Novotna (No. 8), Natalia Zvereva (No. 9), Gabriela Sabatini (No. 10), Zina Garrison Jackson (No. 12) and Lori McNeil (No. 14) will be com-



Photos Courtesy of Virginia Slims Tennis

peting for the prize money.

Qualifying dates are Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7 at 10:00 a.m. Main Draws are Monday, August 8; Tuesday, August 9; Wednesday,



No. 12 ranked Zina Garrison Jackson (Top) went pro in 1982. She often makes appearances at schools to give motivational talks to youngsters. In 1988 she founded the Zina Garrison Foundation to provide funds and support for the homeless, youth organizations, anti-drug groups and other charitable groups. She started the Zina Garrison All-Court Tennis program summer 1992 to give inner-city children the

opportunity to build self-esteem and learn about themselves through tennis. After she retires, she wants to open a homeless shelter and start junior tennis programs around Texas, her home state.

(Bottom) Right-handed, No. 14 seeded Lori McNeil also resides in Texas. She has been a pro since 1983. Lori enjoys all outdoor sports, reading and music, but her hobby is golf.

August 10 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Thursday 11 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Quarterfinals are Friday, August 12; Semifinals are Saturday, August 13 and Finals are Sunday, August 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$28 and are available at TicketMaster outlets and Music Plus or by calling the tournament office at (310) 546-7752.

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MARTINA NAVRATILOVA WILL MARK HER FINAL SINGLES PERFORMANCE AS SHE DEFENDS HER TITLE AT THIS MONTH'S VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES!

Aug. 8-14: Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. Featuring defending champion Martina Navratilova in her final performance and tennis' new superstar Mary Pierce. Manhattan Country Club. (310) 546-7753.

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Virginia Slims Women's Tennis—Aug. 8-14. Defending champion Martina Navratilova and Mary Pierce, tennis' new superstar, are scheduled to headline this \$400,000 tournament. *Manhattan Country Club* Los

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VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES features tennis great Martina Navratilova's final singles appearance in Los Angeles, Aug. 8-12. The annual event, held at the Manhattan Beach Country Club, will also feature newcomer Mary Pierce. This 44th stop on the Women's Tennis Association Tour will feature 56 singles players and 28 doubles teams. Players in the singles competition will vie for the \$80,000 first place purse and a chance to compete in the Virginia Slims Championships in New York in

November. Tickets for the Los Angeles event range from \$10 to \$30 and are available at Ticketmaster outlets or by calling the Virginia Slims tournament office at (310) 546-7753. Call for match times and competitors schedules.

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VIRGINIA SLIMS OF LOS ANGELES

Aug. 8-14 The tennis world's top women's singles and doubles players. Expected participants include Martina Navratilova and Mary Pierce. \$10-\$30. Manhattan Country Club, 1330 Park View Ave., Manhattan Beach. For match times phone (310) 546-7753.

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MARTINA NAVRATILOVA
(shown), nine-time and current defending champion, Gabriela Sabatini, Zina Garrison Jackson, Jana Novotna, Pam Shriver and many more of the world's top tennis stars lead the field at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles Aug. 8-14 at Manhattan Country Club, Manhattan Beach. Tickets (310)546-7753.



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ATTENTION: MARTINA
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The Virginia Slims of Los Angeles is asking all fans of Martina Navratilova to participate in a tribute to her final singles appearance in Los Angeles by writing letters wishing "farewell, but not goodbye" to perhaps the greatest player in the history of women's tennis. In appreciation for the support Navratilova has received in Los Angeles, she has joined forces with the American Red Cross, to raise money for the Los Angeles Disaster Relief Fund benefiting the victims of the January 17 earthquake. All fans are invited to pen their message and kind wishes and make a donation in her name of \$1 (or more) to be donated to earthquake victims. Letters and donations should be sent by August 9, 1994, to VSLA/ Martina Navratilova Farewell, P.O. Box 57056, Tarzana, CA 91357. Checks can be made out to American Red Cross/Virginia Slims. Participants must be 18 years of age to participate. The cards and letters collected will be bound in a souvenir scrapbook and presented to Martina on court during the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, August 8-14, and proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross. Fifty-six women singles players and thirty-two doubles teams will vie for \$400,000 in prize money with the winner receiving \$80,000. Lindsay Dav-

enport, Jana Novotna, Natalia Zvereva, Gabriela Sabatini, Zina Garrison Jackson and Lore McNeil are others who will be at this event. Tickets are on sale now with prices ranging from \$10 to \$30. This event will take place at The Manhattan Country Club, 1330 Park View Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. The club is located just off the 405 Freeway (Rosecrans exit), east of Sepulveda Blvd. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets or by calling the tournament office at (310) 546-7753.

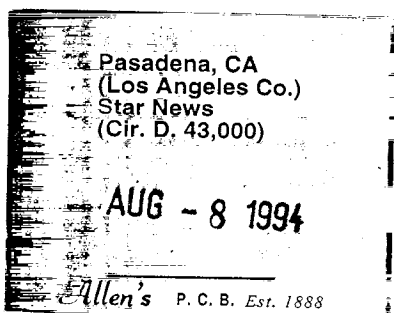
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By Gabe Lacques
STAFF WRITER

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AT A GLANCE

- **What:** The \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles
- **Who:** Conchita Martinez, Martina Navratilova, Lindsay Davenport, Jana Novotna and 52 other women tennis players
- **Where:** Manhattan Country Club, Manhattan Beach
- **When:** Matches begin today at 10 a.m.
- **Tickets:** Price is \$10-\$30; (310) 546-7753

Martinez likes her chances in L.A. Slims

By JANIS CARR
The Orange County Register

MANHATTAN BEACH — When Conchita Martinez saw the depleted field for this week's \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, her eyes must have lighted up.

"I could do well there," Martinez said.

Martinez, the world's No. 2 player, joins a field that has been hurt by injuries and withdrawals. Five top players have pulled out and No. 6 Lindsay Davenport has a

strained calf muscle and is questionable for the tournament that begins today at the Manhattan Country Club. Davenport was forced to withdraw from the Toshiba Classic last Friday.

With Martinez, the other big names left are No. 4 Martina Navratilova, No. 8 Jana Novotna and No. 12 Zina Garrison Jackson. Not exactly Grand Slam quality.

"It's still a good tournament," Martinez said.

The week marks Navratilova's

Los Angeles farewell. The nine-time Wimbledon champion is retiring after this year and would like nothing better than to leave with a victory. But Martinez could spoil Navratilova's party plans. Again.

The Spaniard has beaten Navratilova in four of their five meetings, including this year's Wimbledon final, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

The only stumbling block Martinez might face is fatigue. She has had just one week off since winning Wimbledon, her first Grand Slam.

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Slims tourney 0-74 set to start today

Pam Shriver will be the featured player on the first night of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles Tennis Tournament.

Shriver will play Erika de Lone this evening at 7 p.m. at the Manhattan Country Club.

Gigi Fernandez will oppose Elena Likhovtseva in the second evening match.

Kimberly Po of Rolling Hills was scheduled for an early afternoon debut against Katrina Adams.

The \$400,000 tournament continues through Sunday.

— Mitch Chortkoff

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TENNIS WOMEN AT MANHATTAN BEACH

Novotna Still Overshadowed by Collapse

By ELLIOTT ALMOND
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The painful Centre Court scene at Wimbledon in 1993 will forever link Jana Novotna with the ghosts of the All England Lawn Tennis Club.

In one of the greatest collapses of women's tennis, Novotna lost the final to Steffi Graf, 7-6 (8-6), 1-6, 6-4, after leading, 4-1, in the third set. Then, during an emotional trophy presentation, Novotna buried her head on the Duchess of Kent's shoulder and sobbed.

"She said, 'Jana, I know that you will do it someday, don't worry,'" Novotna said at the time. "I just, you know, I just let go."

As she enters the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, which will be held today through Sunday at the Manhattan Country Club in Manhattan Beach, Novotna, ranked eighth, cannot escape the images of that Wimbledon final.

Before then, she was known for doubles, even though she reached the Australian Open singles final in 1991. She and former partner Helena Sukova were regarded as the world's best doubles team in 1989 and '90 before they split. She and partner Larisa Neiland finished

1993 ranked fourth.

Although a perennial top-10 singles player, the Czech-born Novotna never really had a major breakthrough until last year's Wimbledon.

"Even if you play well in a regular tournament or do well in doubles, it's never the same as if you do well at a Grand Slam," she said. "[Wimbledon] is a special time for me, and I showed everybody I was a very good player. I showed I was very emotional."

Some suggest she also showed a lack of mental toughness. Her breakthrough is best known as a breakdown.

She insists she did not choke.

"Only the ending was sad," she has said.

It might take a Grand Slam tournament title to erase that ending. In the meantime, Novotna and her coach, Hana Mandlikova, are striving for a few more chances.

Novotna hopes to polish her game at the weeklong L.A. tournament before the year's final Grand Slam event, the U.S. Open, later this month.

After a first-round bye, Novotna will face the winner of the match between Karine Quentrec of France and Karin Kschwendt of

Germany in the second round at Manhattan Beach.

A strong serve-and-volley player, Novotna, 25, still is looking for Grand Slam consistency. She reached the quarterfinals of Wimbledon and the Australian Open this year, but was upset in the first round of the French Open.

If there was ever a time to make a move in women's tennis, this is it. With top-ranked Graf struggling, No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and No. 3 Conchita Martinez vulnerable on hard courts and No. 4 Martina Navratilova retiring, there is an opening.

The opening is wide, considering the temporary retirements of former No. 1 Monica Seles and Jennifer Capriati and the continued slide of Gabriela Sabatini.

"Steffi is the only one dominant and very good on all surfaces," Novotna said. "All the pressure is always on Steffi."

Women's tennis once seemed to have three or four dominant players. If one lost, the others had a chance to win.

"But now if Steffi loses, everybody has a good chance," Novotna said.

Is she listening to herself?

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Instead of Farewell, Martina Simply Makes It Final

Sarah Bernhardt had so many "farewell tours," the phrase became synonymous with her. But she was the best in the world at what she did. She said goodbye one investment at a time. She was the "Divine Sarah" to the end.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had a farewell tour that brought him everything from a motorcycle to a Picasso to a Rolls. Because he was the best in the world at

what he did.

There have been other triumphant final tours. Babe Ruth never had one. But a lot of lesser players did. Mad Russian dancers had them. Aging tenors.

Which brings me to my question—why not Navratilova? The Divine Martina. No one ever did what she did any better—play tennis. No one ever dominated a game any more thoroughly than she did.

JIM MURRAY

Watching her play tennis was every bit as transcendent as watching Ruth bat or Nijinsky dance or Caruso sing. Martina on the court was a poem of power and grace. The other player on court might as well have been wearing a mask. I

mean, does anyone look at the piano when Horowitz plays Chopin?

An important element in any appreciation of a performer has to be a belief in her invincibility. Martina had this in greater measure than almost anyone who ever played tennis—and I include Tilden, Budge, Gonzales, Borg or whomever, male or female. You could root for Martina without fear of failure. You

could bask in her glory. It's the essence of fandom: "Watch this! We're going to blow Goolagong right outta here!"

To be really great, you have to revolutionize the way your game is played. Martina did this to an extraordinary degree. When she came along, women's tennis was a nice polite baseline game played by Chrissie Evert and Evonne Goolagong at lon-

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ger range than the Battle of Midway.

Martina went on the attack. She was more like Dempsey with his man on the ropes than someone playing telephone chess. She went for the knockout. She didn't jab you to death, she slugged.

It's doubtful if she could even have played the game in skirts, the way Helen Wills and Suzanne Lenglen, the other Wimbledon legends, had to. Martina's game could not have been hobbled. Martina was embarrassed if it took her three sets to polish off an opponent. She won Wimbledon once, 6-0, 6-2.

Wimbledon was her turf. Helen Wills Moody had won it eight times. So Martina won it nine. One by one, she destroyed existing records. She once won Wimbledon six consecutive years. No one had ever done that before. She won 96 matches in a row. She went through Grand Slam tournaments without losing a set.

So, why isn't somebody giving her a motorcycle, an oil painting, a year's supply of shampoo, a gold watch? Why no Bernhardt farewell tour?

"Mostly because I don't want one," she acknowledges.

It's not the emotion Martina fears. She has never been afraid of her feelings. When she came in the game, Evert was the Ice Queen. She beat you without getting her hair mussed. Her mascara didn't even run. But Martina scrambled, screamed, scratched. She even occasionally told the crowd to shut up. She was the Lava Queen.

It's probably hard to think of a farewell tour for someone who recently made the final at Wimbledon. For some, that would be the apex of a career, not the finale. Most never make a Wimbledon final. For Martina, that was No. 12.

In a sport that has combatants looking for an escape hatch at the age of 25, pleading burnout, Martina, nearing 38, is still rifling unreturnable backhands. A big factor in legend-making is longevity. To be consistent is necessary but to be persistent is essential.

"I have felt the tug of burnout," Martina says. "Back in 1986. I didn't want to play. So, I know the feeling."

The feeling evaporated when she saw an opponent leaning the wrong way on a return of serve, when she felt the exhilaration of putting a forehand down the line past a schoolgirl at the net. Then she was Bernhardt with a good script, Ruth with a hanging curve.

She did not grow up in south Florida and get a tennis racket and a tricycle for her 4th birthday. Martina grew up in the harsh shadow of the Carpathian Mountains and the Red masters of Czechoslovakia. It had one plus.

"The Communists encouraged girls to become athletes," she says. "They felt it reflected favorably on the regime."

Maybe so. But it reflected unfavorably on the regime when the young Miss Navratilova got a look at Western freedom. No Russian tanks rolled through those capitals, and Martina had a Prague spring of her own and defected.

It was a brave but not foolhardy decision for the young athlete.

"I talked to my family and they told me, 'No matter what we say to you on the telephone, don't believe it and don't come back. It might be a trick.'"

Martina took the advice.

"There were some repercussions," she says. "My father didn't get promoted to a job, in fact, took a minor demotion. My sister got thrown out of the tennis club."

But there was no gunfire. The tanks didn't roll. And Martina became a world-class celebrity who finally did reflect glory on her

benighted native land.

Martina is a child of the century, a part of history that will probably become incomprehensible to those who come after her.

She should have farewell tours. At least as many as Bernhardt. Instead, she is still entering stage left with a racket in her hand. She will be on the court at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles at the Manhattan Country Club this week and she might get another final to add to her collection....

You will have no trouble recognizing her. She's the one who looks

as if she was born with a racket in one hand and a ball in the other. Even if she loses, her opponent will feel as if she has been locked in a room with a lion. Martina does not go gently into that good night.

When Martina played her last set point on Centre Court, she reached down and plucked a clump of grass as a memento of her happy youth in English summers amid cheering royalty. The notion here is that Wimbledon should get a lock of her hair in reciprocity.

Martina was lucky to have Wimbledon. And Wimbledon was lucky to have Martina.

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Shriver holds on with key serves

By Mitch Chortkoff

STAFF WRITER

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Pam Shriver advanced to the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tournament with a 7-6, 7-5 victory over Erica de Lone Monday night at the Manhattan Country Club.

Shriver, who has won 22 Grand Slam championships, second among active players behind Martina Navratilova, started slowly but was superior on the big points.

"I missed a few easy shots but my serve got me out of trouble," she said.

The first seeded player to lose in the week-long \$400,000 tournament was No. 11 Natalia Medvedeva. She was upset by Angelica Gavaldon, 6-2, 6-2.

Gavaldon was once known for her many superstitions, including eating a cookie before

every match.

"That was a few years ago," she said. "Some of it was stupid. Like if I didn't get the same booth in a restaurant every time I was sure I'd lose. I've matured."

On today's schedule, top-seeded Conchita Martinez is scheduled for a late afternoon match against Lisa Raymond. Then, at 7:30 p.m., Jana Novotna will debut against Karin Kschwendt.

The final evening match will be between Lisa Garrison-Jackson and Debbie Graham.

Raymond, the former NCAA champion from Florida, won her opening match over Rita Grande, 6-2, 6-3.

The second-seeded Navratilova won't play until Wednesday night.

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Older and wiser Gavaldon upsets Medvedeva in Slims

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By JANIS CARR

The Orange County Register

MANHATTAN BEACH — The poppy red lipstick has been toned down, the hoop earrings scaled down and the quirky superstitions have disappeared altogether.

No, Angelica Gavaldon doesn't kneel in the bathtub and pray before each of her matches.

"They were stupid," Gavaldon said of the superstitions she believed carried her to the Australian Open quarterfinals in 1990. "It kind of shows insecurity."

Gavaldon would eat at the same restaurant every night during a tournament and would have to sit at the same table. And if the table was taken?

"I would worry about whether

I would lose," she said. "It was immature in a way."

So it's an older and wiser Gavaldon who has reached the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. Good solid play, not a lucky rabbit's foot, gave her a 6-2, 6-2 upset Monday of No. 11-seeded Natalia Medvedeva.

"I knew when I went out, I had nothing to lose," Gavaldon, 20, said. "I didn't think about who I'm playing. I never lost my rhythm."

Two former college players also advanced.

Fountain Valley's Debbie Graham, who won the NCAA title while at Stanford, beat Nathalie Baudone of Belgium, 7-6, (8-6), 6-4, while two-time NCAA champion Lisa Raymond of Florida topped Rita Grande, 6-3, 6-2.

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Ukrainian is upset by unknown

*Medvedeva loses to
No. 114 Gavaldon*

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Of the 15 seeds remaining, only six probably would be familiar to the casual fan. The top five seeds are 1. Conchita Martinez (Spain); 2. Martina Navratilova (United States); 3. Lindsay Davenport (U.S.); 4. Jana Novotna (Czech Republic); 5. Zina Garrison Jackson (U.S.).

Pam Shriver, seeded No. 16, and ranked 48th in the world, had a tough match Monday against fellow American Erika de Lone, winning 7-6 (7-5), 7-5.

A familiar name not seeded in the singles competition is American Gigi Fernandez, who teamed with Mary Joe Fernandez to win the gold medal in the doubles competition at the 1992 Olympics.

Gigi Fernandez lost 6-4, 6-1 to Elena Likhovtsova of Kazakhstan.

Ninth-seeded Natalie Tauziat of France needed only 68 minutes to eliminate Jana Nejedly of Canada 6-3, 6-4. Tauziat was the highest seeded player to play Monday.

Top-seeded Martinez (No. 3 in the world) opens the tournament today with a second-round meeting against American Lisa Raymond.

Raymond, a two-time NCAA champion who is in her first year on the pro tour, won her first round match 6-2, 6-3 against Italy's Rita Grande. Raymond is coming off a three-set loss to Steffi Graf, the world's top-ranked player, last week in Carlsbad and is thought by some to be the next great American player.

"It's going to be a real struggle against Conchita," Raymond said. "She's had a real good couple of months. But I know I'll have a good shot if I play well. To go three sets against the No. 1 player in the world helps to boost your confidence. Besides, I seem to play my best tennis when I'm the under-dog."

Navratilova, the two-time defending champion and star of the tournament, does not see her first action until Wednesday thanks to a first-round bye. This will be her 12th straight year competing in the tournament and her final appearance in Los Angeles on the professional tour. Navratilova is retiring at the end of this year.

"The support that I've got here in Los Angeles has been great," she said. "It's nice to be a part of something that's great for the community and great for me. The people here make me feel comfortable. In the past I've wondered, 'Why am I fighting so hard in this tournament?' and then I hit a good shot and the crowd goes wild and then I know why I'm here."

If Martinez and Navratilova reach Sunday's final, it would be their first meeting since Martinez defeated Navratilova in the championship match at Wimbledon.

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TENNIS WOMEN AT MANHATTAN BEACH

Gavaldon Discards Superstitions, Keeps Clothes

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By ELLIOTT ALMOND
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Four years ago, Angelica Gavaldon was a 16-year-old tennis player from Our Lady of Peace Academy in San Diego full of superstitions and promise.

She reached the quarterfinals of the Australian Open and the third round of Wimbledon in 1990, and became the talk of the women's tour because of her odd habits.

In Australia, she would eat dinner at the same restaurant and same table each night, and order a chocolate chip cookie for dessert. She would braid her hair in the bathroom each night.

Then there was the time she took the same seat in the car that brought her to a tournament in Tampa. And at Wimbledon, she would kneel in the bathtub once at night and once in the morning before her matches.

But she did not stop there. Gavaldon started eating a baked potato and sweet corn before her matches.

Then she started showering in the same stall in the locker room after she played.

And if she lost, she threw away her tennis clothes.

She started throwing away a lot of outfits once she became a tour regular. In her first full year, Gavaldon's best 1993 Grand Slam event finish was at the French Open, in which she lost in the second round.

Now 20, Gavaldon has decided to discard her quirky tendencies and worry about what happens on the court.

So far, the best she has done in a Grand Slam event is reach the second round at Roland Garros again, but if Monday's first-round performance in the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles is any indication, then perhaps Gavaldon's game is maturing.

Using a strong service return, Gavaldon scored a mild upset over 11th-seeded Natalia Medvedeva of Ukraine, 6-2, 6-2, at the Manhattan Country Club in Manhattan Beach.

Also advancing were ninth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France, who defeated Jana Nejedly of Canada, 6-3, 6-4; No. 15 Kimberly Po, who defeated Katrina Adams, 6-3, 6-2; Maria Jose Gaidano of Argentina, who upset No. 14 Marketa Kochta, 7-5, 6-2, and Lisa Raymond, who ousted Rita Grande of Italy, 6-2, 6-3.

Gavaldon, who plays Kyoko Nagatsuka in the second round, also looks different on the court this year. In an effort to shed all her superstitions, she quit wearing large hoop earrings and bright red lipstick that were her trademark.

"I think I was overdoing it," she said. "In a way, it was kind of insecure. I'd have stupid thoughts."

Gavaldon said Monday's victory gives her confidence after a dismal season. Her best showing was in last week's tournament at Carlsbad, where she reached the round of 16 before retiring because of back problems.

She entered this week's event feeling better, and it showed

against Medvedeva. "Her game is comfortable for me," Gavaldon said.

Particularly when Medvedeva self-destructed in the second set. She looked as if she wanted to be anywhere but on the stadium court when she lost her serve all four times.

After breaking Gavaldon to close within 2-1, Medvedeva lost her serve in the fourth game.

Although breaking Gavaldon twice, Medvedeva was unable to control her groundstrokes. She double-faulted on her second match point.

Tennis Notes

Martina Navratilova, 37, will decide after this week's tournament whether she will enter the U.S. Open. Ranked fourth in the world, Navratilova is playing in the final season of a 20-year career. She might skip the U.S. Open because she has not spent much time at her home in Aspen, Colo., she said. How would the year's final Grand Slam event do without her? "I could lose in the first round, so the Open won't miss me," she said.

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Navratilova to keep busy in retirement

TENNIS: She won't miss her demanding schedule, but she certainly doesn't want to just sit around.

By JANIS CARR

The Orange County Register

MANHATTAN BEACH — She will coach, perhaps. Teach, maybe. Do television broadcasting, possibly. And play a few exhibitions ("If I'm playing well enough to exhibit my tennis."). But whatever Martina Navratilova decides to do once she walks away from tennis, it will be with the same determination and perfection that has marked her 19-year career.

Navratilova, one of the greatest women to play the game, will play her last match at the Virginia Slims Championships in November. She also will play in this week's Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, where she has won a record eight times, plus two other events.

She has not decided, however, whether to play the U.S. Open.

"I don't know yet," Navratilova, a four-time U.S. Open champion, said Monday. "I've been home two days in three months and it's hard to justify to myself that in my last year I should not be enjoying being home more."

"But I'm playing really good tennis."

Navratilova said the one thing she will miss the most is the feel of a perfect shot, the feeling of satisfaction that comes from long hours on the court, from thousands of balls hit, from knowing you tried your best.

What won't she miss?

"A schedule," she said. "I'm sure I'll be in a panic because of that; because I've had one for so long. I've been beholden to so many people for so long it will be nice to have that responsibility gone."

Before she embarks on another

career, though, Navratilova has a few things she would like to do. Visit the Grand Canyon for starters.

"I've flown over that hundreds of times but I've never been there," she said. "So, I'm going in September. I would like to see this country."

One way Navratilova will go sightseeing is by helicopter. With her skis on.

Navratilova has one item on her agenda for 1995 and that is a helicopter skiing trip.

"That's how busy my schedule is," she said.

It will get busier, however, come summer. Navratilova said she still is under contract to be involved in World Team Tennis next year, but it could be as a coach instead of a player. She led the New Jersey Stars to the league championship last weekend.

"I had such a good time, I can't see myself not doing something," she said.

But she will not make any comebacks on the professional circuit, no matter how much fun she encountered from here to Wimbledon.

"How can I possibly want more?" Navratilova asked. "I could have stopped short and been satisfied a long time ago. I am satisfied."

"When I do leave, I will have no regrets."

Results

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Shriver holds on with key serves

By Mitch Chortkoff

STAFF WRITER

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Pam Shriver advanced to the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tournament with a 7-6, 7-5 victory over Erica de Lone Monday night at the Manhattan Country Club.

Shriver, who has won 22 Grand Slam championships, second among active players behind Martina Navratilova, started slowly but was superior on the big points.

"I missed a few easy shots but my serve got me out of trouble," she said.

The first seeded player to lose in the weeklong \$400,000 tournament was No. 11 Natalia Medvedeva. She was upset by Angelica Gavaldon, 6-2, 6-2.

Gavaldon was once known for her many superstitions, includ-

ing eating a cookie before every match.

"That was a few years ago," she said. "Some of it was stupid. Like if I didn't get the same booth in a restaurant every time I was sure I'd lose. I've matured."

On today's schedule, top-seeded Conchita Martinez is scheduled for a late afternoon match against Lisa Raymond. Then, at 7:30 p.m., Jana Novotna will debut against Karin Kschwendt.

The final evening match will be between Lisa Garrison-Jackson and Debbie Graham.

Raymond, the former NCAA champion from Florida, won her opening match over Rita Grande, 6-2, 6-3.

The second-seeded Navratilova won't play until Wednesday night.

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End's near, but Martina still trying to improve

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WINNING MOMENT:

Martina Navratilova celebrates one of her numerous titles after beating Monica Seles in the 1991 Virginia Slims of Palm Springs final. Navratilova is retiring at the end of the year.

Desert Sun
File photo



■ **NO REGRETS:** Tennis great Martina Navratilova is satisfied with her career and her decision to retire at end of season.

By RICK KAPLAN

The Desert Sun

MANHATTAN BEACH — A simple moment on a practice court Monday reminded Martina Navratilova what she will miss when her storied tennis career ends this year.

Navratilova was warming up for her last appearance at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, a tournament she has won

eight times dating back to 1978.

Coach Craig Kardon was guiding Navratilova through a practice with Dutch player Manon Bollegraf.

"At the end of practice, I was hitting serves," Navratilova said. "Craig said, 'OK, hit the down-the-middle short one, slice.' And I did — perfect serves.

"This is what I'll miss, being able to do exactly what I want to do with the ball, whether it's practice or a match. It gives me just as much satisfaction on the practice court."

Only four months remain in her 20-year professional tennis career, but Navratilova keeps fine-tuning her game.

"I'm trying to still work on some shots and

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improve things," the 37-year-old Navratilova said. "It's a never-ending quest for improvement. But that's going to stop. I still may figure things out for somebody that I will teach one day, but not for myself."

Navratilova will retire from the WTA Tour following November's Virginia Slims Championships in New York. The two-time defending Slims of Los Angeles champion plays her opening match Wednesday at Manhattan Country Club.

Los Angeles is one of her last five

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scheduled tournaments, along with Zurich, Stuttgart, Oakland and the season-ending Madison Square Garden event. The itinerary could be altered, though. Navratilova will decide next week whether to enter the U.S. Open.

"I don't know yet," she said. "I haven't made up my mind. I've played a lot of tennis and I haven't been home at all. I've been home

for two days in three months. It's kind of hard to justify that in my last year on the tour.

"I'm playing good tennis, but I don't know yet."

If she skips the Open, Navratilova's Grand Slam career would end with her appearance in the Wimbledon final. She lost her bid for a record 10th Wimbledon singles title in a three-set defeat to Conchita Martinez.

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Navratilova eventually might look into broadcasting or coaching tennis. Her immediate plans are more sketchy.

"I can just get up in the morning and think, 'What can I do today?'" she said. "I don't know how long it will last, and I'm sure I'll be pretty busy.

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feel them and enjoy them. I don't want to go on a safari and be in and out in a week. I want to be there for a month or six months. I'll have the opportunity to do it.

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Martina continues to fly high

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The Press-Enterprise

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Martina Navratilova says that, for the time being, her retirement plans are up in the air.

"The only thing I know I will be doing is helicopter skiing," Navratilova said yesterday, when her farewell tour arrived in Southern California.

Navratilova, 37, has said she'll say good-bye to Los Angeles this week, when she competes in the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. She's said she'll say good-bye to competitive tournament play in November, when she plays in the Virginia Slims Championships at New York's Madison Square Garden. But she wonders if anyone is listening.

Everywhere she goes, people ask her if this is a hoax, if she's just kidding. Even yesterday, after saying she planned to retire after the event in New York, Navratilova was asked to rattle off her doubles schedule for 1995.

"You guys don't believe me, do you?" she said. "This will be the last time."

She will play her first — and perhaps last — match at Manhattan Country Club tomorrow night, facing the winner of today's first-round match between Fabiola Zuluaga and Alexia Dechaume-Balleret. Navratilova says she is concentrating her energies on preparing for this tournament. No time can be wasted second-guessing the decision to retire. She says she'll walk away from this sport with a feeling of contentment.

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"I will have no regrets. That's the best part of it. I will not have any regrets if I stop now."

Navratilova insists that, after 20 years ranked among the top five and more than \$20 million in earnings, she's had enough. Certainly, she's accomplished more on the court than anyone could ever hope to achieve.

She has 18 Grand Slam singles titles. She had won more tennis tournaments (167) than anyone in history. And she still has that plug of grass she plucked from Centre Court at the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club after losing to Conchita Martinez this year in an epic three-set Wimbledon final.

"I wanted to take a piece of Centre Court with me," Navratilova said. "I didn't want want it from the sideline. I wanted it from the middle."

If form holds true, Navratilova, the second seed, will meet Martinez, the top seed, in Sunday's final of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles.

There still are several matches to be played between now and then, but make no mistake about it: Navratilova has looked at the draw and considered the possibilities.

"It would be great to play her (Martinez) again," Navratilova said. "Believe me, I want to play her again."

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NOTES — Martina Navratilova says she'll wait until the conclusion of this tournament to decide whether she'll play in the upcoming U.S. Open ... Third-seeded Lindsay Davenport, forced to withdraw from a tournament in Carlsbad last week because of a calf injury, still is uncertain she'll be able to play here this week, tournament organizers said.

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Kimberley Po obliges ball girls including Jenny Jue, left, with autographs after winning her first match in the Virginia Slims tournament.

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TOUR IN TRANSITION

Women's tennis in a new age full of questions

By Mitch Chortkoff
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What's new in women's tennis? Plenty. This is the year when teen-age star Jennifer Capriati was arrested for marijuana possession. This is the year when a panel was formed to determine if the tour's age minimum should be changed.

This is also the year the tour is operating without a sponsor following Kraft's withdrawal. And it's a year which began with everyone saying Steffi Graf was too dominant due to the absence of Monica Seles, who hasn't recovered from a stabbing.

But, guess what? Graf became the first defending champion in 108 years to lose in the first round at Wimbledon when she was stunned by Lori McNeil.

Then, a couple of new stars named Mary Pierce and Lindsay Davenport came along and suddenly everything seemed brighter.



DAVID SCHREIBER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Promoter Jerry Diamond hopes tennis is pointed in the right direction.

"Nothing against Steffi," said Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. "But when she loses, it makes things more interesting."

The tour still retains its problems, but McNeil is among those preferring to see the

bright side.

"There's more depth on the tour than people realize," said McNeil, who had to withdraw from this week's Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tournament in Manhattan Beach with a knee injury.

"With Steffi losing some matches, the depth is more apparant. The emergence of Davenport and Pierce are good examples."

But a lot of problems need to be solved.

Next season it most likely won't be the Virginia Slims of L.A. because the contract expires.

"We're looking for a new title sponsor," said Jerry Diamond, promoter of this week's tournament. "But contrary to what some people believe I don't think the California economy is so bad that it'll prevent us from doing our business."

ONE PROBLEM — GREED

Diamond is a former executive director of the tour who believes changes are needed.

"The tour has to be completely restructured to have meaning again," he said.

When Diamond was in charge, he built a strong base of secondary tournaments for lower ranked players. But the tour, called the Avon Futures, no longer exists.

"The tennis federations became greedy," said

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Diamond. "They focused on the big events and stopped supporting the small ones.

"As a result, you can have a player ranked 200th in the world playing in a major tournament. The tournaments have 56-player draws when they should have 32. So the top players are required to go out there five times in a week, which is one too many."

"I'm not talking about our tournament here because we have a strong field. But too often we have players who should be learning in the minor leagues playing in the majors. It's not right for them or the fans or anyone."

Since the smaller tournaments don't make money, Diamond emphasizes their need to have a sponsor or be funded by the federations.

How can this be achieved? By having the next CEO of the council being someone with a keener knowledge of the sport, he says.

THE AGE DISPUTE

Capriati's problem led to a Women's Tennis Council panel researching the subject of when a youngster can turn pro. The Council includes doctors and child psychologists.

The results will be released during the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 29.

Presently, players 14 and older are permitted to play on the tour. But it's believed a limit of 16 could be recommended.

It would be easy to conclude the age limit should be raised since Capriati's troubles attracted so much attention. But it's not as simple as that.

"There have been many 13- and 14-year-olds who have successfully made the adjustment," said Billie Jean King, who contributed to the panel's research. "Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini are examples."

Said McNeil:

"People mature at different ages. It's hard to make a rule that will be right for everybody.

"I turned pro at 14. Zina Garrison waited until 16. Personally, I think 16 is a good age. A young player really should finish high school."

THE CAPRIATI SAGA

Capriati became the youngest player ever to reach a Grand Slam semifinal at the 1990 French Open. At 14, she earned a No. 8 ranking. Three years later she is off the tour, her future uncertain.

Tim Gullickson, the coach who guided Capriati through the best moments of her career, offered his thoughts to the *New York Times*.

"Emotionally, the tour might have taken a toll at an early age on her," said Gullickson. "There were so many expectations, so much hype. But she really didn't like to practice."

"After I left, Pavel Slozil worked with her. He had worked with Steffi Graf. He was used to coaching someone who was the most self-motivated, hardest-working and self-disciplined player in women's tennis."

"But Jennifer needed some pushing, some cajoling. That turned out to be a problem."

Capriati ultimately worked with six different coaches.

Gullickson thinks the turning point came at the 1991 U.S. Open, where Capriati lost a semifinal match to Seles.

"If she had won that match I believe she would have won the tournament," he said. "She would have been U.S. Open champion at 15. I think everything might have turned out

different for her.

"She wouldn't have had that feeling of failure. But when she lost, she couldn't let that go."

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WTA TOUR RANKINGS

■ Top Ten

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| 1. Staffi Graf | 6. Mary Pierce |
| 2. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario | 7. Lindsay Davenport |
| 3. Conchita Martinez | 8. Jana Novotna |
| 4. Martina Navratilova | 9. Natalia Zvereva |
| 5. Kimiko Date | 10. Gabariela Sabatini |

this year, which has dropped her to 10th in the rankings. That's the lowest she's been since 1986.

WHAT'S NEXT?

"I think the tour is in pretty good shape," said Martina Navratilova, who is completing her glorious career this year.

"It's in much better shape than six months ago with the emergence of Mary Pierce and Conchita Martinez."

At her final Wimbledon, Navratilova reached the finals before losing to Martinez, who combines with Sanchez Vicario to give Spain two first-rate players.

"New players are coming along and that's good for everybody," said Navratilova. "I also feel the women sense a real dedication to the sport."

The up-and-comers include 17-year-old Iva Majoli, voted newcomer of the year over Davenport, and 13-year-old Venus Williams, who has secured endorsement contracts while not yet playing in a tournament.

Majoli has won two tour championships and advanced to the fourth round of the 1993 French Open.

But the puzzling decline of Gabriela Sabatini and absence of Seles and Capriati are not trivial developments.

With Seles and Capriati out, Sabatini had an opportunity to rise to the fore. Instead, she has slumped.

Sabatini has a record of 25-12

THE RIVALRIES

One problem is the absence of a true rivalry between two top charismatic players.

"Women's tennis had Chris Evert against me," said Martina. "Then Steffi Graf against Monica Seles. Now we lack that."

"To the fans, it's important."

A VOICE OF REASON

Pam Shriver burst onto the scene in 1978. Now, at 32, she's still wielding a racquet.

When Shriver talks, people listen. She's part owner of the Baltimore Orioles and a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness. She's also President of the Players Association.

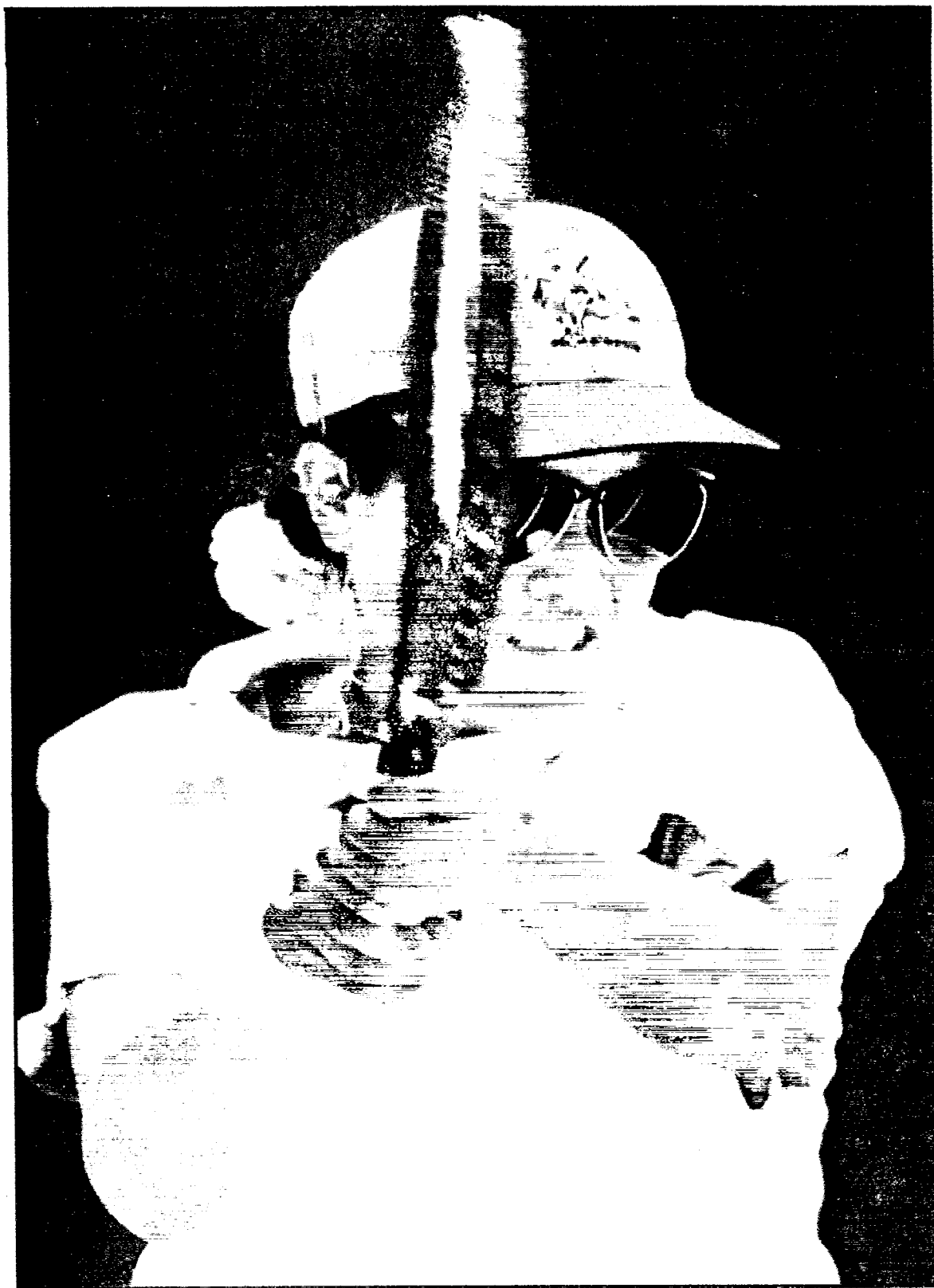
"When we look back on this year I think it'll be a good one," she said.

"Not having a sponsor has brought the players together. They're not taking it all for granted. Everyone is doing their part with interviews and public relations. I sense a much better attitude in that regard."

"We had a player meeting today. The players are doing whatever is necessary to help."

"Maybe late in the year we'll get a sponsor. Maybe we'll see that not having one for awhile was a blessing in disguise."

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Kimberly Po, the former Miraleste High win over Katrina Adams in the Virginia
standout, lashes a backhand during her Slims tournament in Manhattan Baech.

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Po at peace after return to tennis

By Mitch Chortkoff

STAFF WRITER

Kimberly Po, the former Miraleste High star and UCLA All-American, has had a love/hate relationship with the WTA tour.

Po quit two years ago, deciding to continue her education at UCLA. Then she came back.

"The tour is a hard life," she said Monday at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, where she defeated Katrina Adams in a first-round match, 6-3, 6-2.

"People think it's glamorous. But you're in great cities and not able to take advantage of that. If you win you have to play again the next day. And if you lose you have to practice."

Po decided the life wasn't for her. Then she decided quitting wasn't right either.

"I'd have wasted all I'd put into it since 10 years old," she said. "So I came back and then I started enjoying it more."

Po has a 6-10 record this year but is pleased with the direction of her game.

But on the road, she misses her dog.

"I have a very large golden retriever," she said. "I can't lift her and she's too big to take on the plane."

"Some players bring their dogs but I can't."

Po has moved to Incline Village, Nev., but her parents still live in Rolling Hills.

One parent usually travels with her in foreign countries.

"We've seen the sites as best we can," she said. "But another thing is you don't want to do a lot of walking the day between matches."

Po describes a typical day on the road.

"I sleep in," she says. "The other players know I do that, so if I'm going to hit I don't do it too early."

"We practice or play a match. Then I try to eat dinner out, come back and write letters or read."

"Recently, I've taken up crochet."

Po said she could make a long career of being a professional tennis player if the matches were played in Southern California.

"I like being home," she said. "A lot of girls like traveling more than I do. If the entire tour was played here I'd be delighted."

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Davenport withdraws with injury

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Lindsay Davenport wanted to play in the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles Tennis Tournament. She tried and tried but realized she couldn't overcome an injury to her left calf.

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'New wave' helping tennis

► But one of the young stars, Murrieta's Lindsay Davenport, withdraws from the Slims-Los Angeles.

By Lisa Nehus Saxon
The Press-Enterprise

MANHATTAN BEACH

It hasn't been the best of years for women's tennis.

Monica Seles still is trying to recover from the physical and emotional scars from that brutal attack in Hamburg, Germany, last year. One of the sport's rising stars, Jennifer Capriati, was arrested on drug charges. And the sport's brightest, most personable star, Martina Navratilova, announced she is retiring later this year.

Given all that, how in the world will women's tennis survive — let alone thrive — in a sports marketplace where competition for dwindling sponsor dollars is fierce?

Pam Shriver, WTA Tour Players Association president, said things are not as bleak as they may appear.

"I think 1994 will always be remembered as the year Martina retired..." Shriver said during a break at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles at Manhattan Country Club. "But I believe this year will be remembered as a very good year. When we look back, it will

show a new wave of players asserting themselves."

There is Murrieta resident Lindsay Davenport, 18, who advanced to the quarterfinals of Wimbledon and was playing her best tennis of the season before a calf injury forced her to withdraw from a tournament in Carlsbad last week. Citing the injury, Davenport yesterday withdrew from the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, where she was seeded third, behind Martinez and Navratilova.

There is Conchita Martinez, 22, who earlier this year won her first Grand Slam title, defeating Navratilova in an epic, three-set Wimbledon final.

And then there is Mary Pierce, 19, who advanced to the final of the French Open.

"New players are coming along, and that's good for everyone," said Navratilova, who will make her first appearance of this tournament when she faces Alexia Dechaume-Balleret tonight in a second-round match.

Indeed, there are some fresh, young faces in the top 10.

Martinez, the top seed, is ranked third in the world. Pierce is sixth, followed by Davenport.

"I think Mary Pierce and myself and a couple of others can help the game a lot and give it some depth," Davenport said.

That is, of course, if they can endure the pressure, a factor some have cited in an effort to explain Capriati's self-destructive fall.

Infusing new life and enthusiasm in a sport is a weighty load. Is it too heavy for the shoulders of a teenager?

Davenport says there is strength in numbers.

"When Jennifer came up (1990), it was just Jennifer," Davenport said. "Now, when they talk about players coming up, they mention a couple of us."

Martinez added, "And there are a lot of players coming behind us who can do very well, too."

NOTES — Mercedes Paz will replace Lindsay Davenport in the draw. Davenport decided to withdraw from the event yesterday when her tender left calf failed to respond to continued treatment. "I can't move on it," Davenport said. "It feels like I'm dragging a broken leg." ... Davenport is not scheduled to play in any other events between now and the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 29.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Singles (First Round) — Amy Frazier (10) def. Andrea Strnadova, 6-0, 4-1, retired; Patty Fendick (12) def. Caroline Kuhlman, 6-4, 7-6 (10-8); Melissa Mazzotta def. Rachel McQuillen, 6-4, 7-5; Alexia Dechaume-Balleret def. Fabiola Zuluaga, 6-3, 6-1; Sandrine Testud def. Manon Bollegraf, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3); Christina Singer def. Joannette Kruger, 7-5, 7-5; Laura Golarasa def. Adriana Serra Zaretli, 6-2, 6-4.

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Stadium Court

Starting at 10 a.m. — Amy Frazier (10) vs. Christina Singer; Elena Likhovtseva vs. Pam Shriver (16); Tami Whitlinger-Jones vs. Sabine Appelmans; Cigi Fernandez-Larisa Neiland (1) vs. Joe Durie-Robin White.

Starting at 7 p.m. — Alexia Dechaume-Balleret vs. Martina Navratilova (2); Asa Carlsson-Michelle Jackson-Nobrega vs. Manon Bollegraf-Navratilova.

Court 6

Starting at 10 a.m. — Patricia Hy vs. Mercedes Paz; Ann Grossman vs. Asa Carlsson; Kimberly Po (15) vs. Mazzotta; Grossman-Debbie Graham vs. Joannette Kruger-Dinky Van Rensburg.

Court 5

Starting at 10 a.m. — Maria Jose Gaidano vs. Sandrine Testud; Laura Golarasa vs. Patty Fendick (12) vs. Katrina Adams-Garrison Jackson (5) vs. Gaidano-Paola Suarez; Golarasa-Paz (8) vs. Louise Plaming-Sandrine Testud.

Court 4

Starting at 11 a.m. — Kyoko Nagatsuka vs. Angelica Gavaldon; Nagatsuka-Christina Papadaki vs. Halard-Tauziat.

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Leg injury knocks Davenport out of Slims

MANHATTAN BEACH — Lindsay Davenport, ranked seventh in the world, withdrew from the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles on Tuesday because of a strained left calf muscle.

Davenport, who lives in Murietta, injured the leg during a third-round victory last week at the Toshiba Classic. Although she was able to finish that match, she had to default her quarterfinal match there.

She said the calf has not shown any improvement in five days.

"It still hurts very much," Davenport said. "I couldn't play on it. It's not I could and decided not to risk further injury. I tried, but there's still a ton of pain."

Davenport, who has been undergoing a series of icing and

stretching exercises, said she will take it easy until the U.S. Open, which begins in 2½ weeks.

She will be replaced in the draw by Mercedes Paz.

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TENNIS WOMEN AT MANHATTAN BEACH

Martinez Shuts the Door on Upstart Raymond

By ARA NAJARIAN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The word on the hard court a year ago was good if you were Lisa Raymond.

In a game of young up-and-comers, Raymond was at the top of the list. She was the two-time defending NCAA singles champion at Florida before turning professional last year. She had a serve over 95 m.p.h., could send you deep, then rush the net to finish you.

She was 21 and you didn't want to be in her way.

Now, the words aren't quite so kind.

If you had not heard of Lisa Raymond, well that's not too surprising—she's ranked 53rd.

Somewhere in that first year, Raymond was re-defined as the resident tournament sleeper.

She went to the fourth round of Wimbledon, and routinely takes the top players on the tour to three sets.

She just hasn't finished them.

That's what happened Tuesday in a second-round Virginia Slims of Los Angeles match against top-seeded and third-ranked Conchita Martinez.

Martinez was perfect in the first set, dropped the second and then won the third easily for a 6-0, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Raymond.

"Right now, I have one foot in the door and I know I can do it, it's just the mental part," Raymond said of both her day and her still young professional career.

That would explain those unsightly losses to players she should beat.

"In college, you could play at only 70%," Raymond said. "Here, you have to be 100% every time—you really can't even compare the two, it's so different."

Tuesday's defeat couldn't be called unexpected.

Martinez just won Wimbledon a few weeks ago, and her confidence has soared with her game.

"Anytime you win a Grand Slam [event], it's natural that it gives you confidence," Martinez said.

"But I've gained confidence because I know that I can play on grass and hard surfaces."

And oh, did she play hard ball.

"The 6-0 [in the first set] surprised me," Martinez said. "I knew it was going to be tough because I know she is a good player, but I think that first set was just about perfect."

Martinez admitted that she knew it couldn't last, and when she lost the first game of the second set, that opened up the door for Raymond's foot.

"I was able to be more aggressive," Raymond said. "But I wasn't confident in my serve and because she was passing real well, and I got gun-shy in the third."

That's hardly the same Raymond who came out of college and teamed with Lindsay Davenport to reach the doubles final of the 1994 French Open. Davenport and Raymond looked to be the ones to replace Jennifer Capriati.

But while Davenport had risen to No. 7 before this tournament at the Manhattan Country Club in Man-

hattan Beach, Raymond struggled.

"She's had a few more difficulties adjusting to the tour than me," Davenport said. "We're best friends on the tour. My problems might have been a little different because I didn't go to college. We've disagreed about how much college helps before, but maybe that was just because I didn't want to play in college."

Raymond said it was simple: She'd read too many stories about how good she was and she started to believe them.

Tennis Notes

Lindsay Davenport announced that she has withdrawn from the tournament because of a pulled calf muscle in her left leg sustained last week. Davenport was seeded third. . . . In other matches, sixth-seeded **Anke Huber** defeated **Stephanie Rottier**, 6-2, 6-1, and seventh-seeded **Julie Halard** beat **Anne Mall**, 6-4, 7-5. . . . Fifth-seeded **Zina Garrison-Jackson** avoided an upset by unseeded **Debbie Graham** of Fountain Valley. Garrison-Jackson won, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Graham, who attended Stanford, slipped to No. 121 in the WTA rankings after breaking her foot last April. . . . Fourth-seeded **Jana Novotna** defeated unseeded **Karin Kschwendt**, 6-3, 6-2.



Martina Navratilova is escorted through a group of fans, top, then laughs her way

through a practice session in preparation for her first round match tonight.

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Martina's L.A. farewell begins tonight

By Mitch Chortkoff
STAFF WRITER

Martina Navratilova may be the only one to believe this, but she thinks women's tennis will get along fine when she retires later this year.

"I've lost early in tournaments and they go on," she said. "I'm not sure if I'll play in the U.S. Open this year or not. If I don't, so what? Others will play and it'll be the same grand spectacle."

Will game be the same?

But will the sport be the same? Will it have a similar appeal without the 37-year-old superstar who's won Wimbledon nine times? Around here, we'll start finding out next year when Navratilova will be absent from the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles for the first time in 13 years.

For now, she's here.

She's playing tonight, in fact. Navratilova, the No. 2 seed, was given a first round bye but will make her tournament debut against Dechaume-Balleret shortly after 7 p.m. at the Manhattan Country Club.

Navratilova has won the tournament a record eight times. Her main obstacle this time is Conchita Martinez, who prevented her from winning Wimbledon for a 10th time.

Navratilova has been in town since Monday, practicing and meeting with the press. She's in good spirits after leading the New Jersey Stars to the TeamTennis championship Sunday in Sacramento.

Retiring sounds good

She's happy to think about retiring from the tour. At the same time, she's quick to point out she'll have tennis-related activities. Perhaps even playing TeamTennis again or coaching one of the teams.

"My official retirement from competition will be at the

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Virginia Slims Championships in Madison Square Garden in November," she said.

"On my calendar for next year I have only one item. I'm going helicopter skiing in February."

What is likely to fill up her calendar? Perhaps playing tennis exhibitions. Perhaps broadcasting. And, for sure, making a trip to the Grand Canyon.

"I thought about how many times I've flown over the Grand Canyon," said Navratilova. "At least 100 times. Well, I want to go there and see it. So that's one thing I'm going to do."

"Then there's broadcasting tennis. I think I'd be good at it. Hopefully I'd have something interesting to say. If asked, I'd like to give that a try."

Navratilova is likely to be asked. Former players Chris Evert and Tracy Austin have done it successfully, and the networks usually tap into the ratings potential of a just-retired superstar.

Coaching an option

Navratilova also entertains the notion of eventually coaching a player. Hana Mandlikova retired and coached Jana Novotna. On the men's side, Brad Gilbert coaches Andre Agassi. It's another likely progression.

"But not next year," said Navratilova. "I don't want to be on schedule. That's what I'm getting away from and the thought appeals to me very much."

"When your schedule is so structured you're beholding to a lot of people. If I don't appear where I should or play where I'm expected it affects a lot of people. It'll be nice to wake up and ask myself what I want to do that day. It'll be a completely different feeling and, I think, a good one."

"The exception is TeamTennis. We had such a good time and I'd like to be back with the same group of players next summer. But that's only for one month."

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"From a tennis standpoint, she changed the game. She was a pure serve-and-volley player when so many others were playing from the baseline. She made an impact — a very large impact in the sport."

Together, Navratilova and Shriver once won 79 consecutive doubles matches.

Eventually, though, youth was served when Martinez came along to defeat Navratilova at Wimbledon.

"It was my first Grand Slam final and she had been in so many," said Martinez. "I didn't

know what to do but she was so gracious. It was so unbelievable for me to be there with Martina on Centre Court at Wimbledon."

Navratilova wanted to win Wimbledon one more time and cried when she lost, but not because of the outcome.

"I cried because it was over," she said. "Then I reached down and took a blade of grass. I did it because I wanted a souvenir. And not from the sidelines. I wanted a blade of grass from the center of the court."

Navratilova's most memorable Wimbledon duels were with Evert. The players were friends, but the rivalry was so intense that at one point their competi-

The big difference will be Navratilova's absence from the weekly tournaments. But she will leave her memories. Pam Shriver, her longtime doubles partner, has hers. So does Martinez, Navratilova's most recent rival.

"She's an original," said Shriver. "Martina has always

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tion was tied, 30 victories apiece.

But Navratilova was equally as competitive wherever she played, including the annual tournament in the Los Angeles area.

"Sometimes I'd wonder why I was here," she said. "I might be tired from the previous week. But then I'd hit a good shot and the crowd would cheer and I'd know why I was playing."

Striving for perfection kept her going so long. She even became one of the few major stars to sign up for TeamTennis. She did it to help out Billie Jean King, an old friend who had made the league her passion.

TeamTennis a help

Typical of Navratilova, she learned that the format, which included mixed doubles and lots of practice time with male teammates, helped her preparation for tournaments. So she kept on playing.

Her quest for perfection shows in her description of what she'll miss the most.

"Knowing I've hit a perfect serve," she said. "The feeling you get when you know it's just right."

Will she hit that perfect serve at the Open later this month for the last time? Navratilova confided to King that she strongly considered retiring after Wimbledon. So, the U.S. Open decision remains to be made.

"I haven't been home much this year," said Navratilova.

"Going home and staying there appeals to me. On the other hand, I'm playing very well right now. That's something to consider too."

But, as the days of playing competitively draw to a close, Navratilova smiles her broadest smile and makes her boldest statement.

"I've had everything the sport has to offer," she says. "How could I possibly want more? I leave with no regrets."

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NAVRATILOVA'S NINE WIMBLEDON TITLES

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- **1978 — Defeated Chris Evert, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5:** Navratilova was behind in the final set, 5-4, but came back by playing nearly flawlessly.

"I just served really well," she recalls. "I didn't feel any pressure."

The crowd favored Navratilova because Evert had eliminated British favorite Virginia Wade in the semis.

- **1979 — Defeated Chris Evert, 6-4, 6-4:** Navratilova was ill during the tournament's first week but kept playing and made a full recovery.

"It was the first time in four years my mom and I were together," Martina recalls. "That really helped. I was so sick I would have withdrawn from any other tournament."

- **1982 — Defeated Chris Evert, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2:** Navratilova had won 54 of her last 55 matches and was benefiting from the tutoring of Dr. Renee Richards.

"Thanks to Renee I had a game plan for

the first time," she said. "Before that I had no strategy. I just played."

- **1983 — Defeated Andrea Jaeger, 6-0, 6-3:** Jaeger didn't play well and Navratilova felt sorry for the fans.

"Eventually I stopped caring how I won, just as long as I did," she says. "But back then I was truly sorry it wasn't a better match."

- **1984 — Defeated Chris Evert, 7-6, 6-2:** With the victory, Navratilova evened her record against Evert at 30-30.

"We were even after 60 matches and I wished we could quit right then and not play each other again," recalls Navratilova.

- **1985 — Defeated Chris Evert, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2:** Evert had defeated Navratilova at the French Open.

"I remembered that and started off tentative but then I realized I could be more aggressive on grass," said Navratilova.

- **1986 — Defeated Hana Mandlikova, 7-6,**

6-3: Navratilova overcame a 5-2 first set deficit, at one time getting in 21 first serves in a row.

"It had been raining and Hana kept slipping on the lines," said Martina. "I did too but not as badly."

- **1987 — Defeated Steffi Graf, 7-5, 6-3:** Navratilova's sixth straight Wimbledon title was a record and she tied Helen Wills Moody's overall record of eight.

"I didn't know about the record but once I found out I wanted the ninth," she said. "It would have been silly not to go for it."

- **1990 — Defeated Zina Garrison, 6-4, 6-1:** Garrison had defeated Graf in the semis. Navratilova had a 26-1 record against Garrison.

"I had lost the final the year before and was really focused," said Navratilova. "I don't think the result would have been any different had I played Steffi."

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Injury shelves Davenport; top seed Martinez advances

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Said Raymond:

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Third-ranked Conchita Martinez hits a forehand en route to beating Lisa Raymond 6-0, 3-6, 6-1.

Martinez defeats Raymond at Slims

By Jeff Alexander
Special to the Daily News

Last week it was Steffi Graf, this week Conchita Martinez. American Lisa Raymond has to be wondering who's next.

For the second straight week, Raymond, ranked 52nd, faced one of the world's top three players, putting up a tough fight before falling in the third set. Tuesday, in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles at the Manhattan Beach Country Club, the third-ranked Martinez was on Raymond's list.

Raymond lost 6-0, 3-6, 6-1, a week after the Pennsylvania native went the distance against the top-ranked Graf in Carlsbad, losing 6-7, 6-2; 6-2.

Martinez advances to face the

winner of today's Elene Likhovtseva/Pam Shriver match on Thursday in the third round.

"I got off to a bad start," Raymond said. "I made too many mistakes out there and served bad. I got better in the second set, but I started to play bad again in the third set. She didn't really do anything special all match. I just wasn't real confident today."

Martinez, who is coming off a victory in Stratton, Vt., two weeks ago and a semifinal appearance in Carlsbad last week, was aware of the toughness Raymond possessed. Prior to Tuesday, the two had met only once before, in 1993 in Philadelphia. There Martinez struggled to a three-set victory after dropping the first set.

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Lisa Raymond reaches to hit a forehand volley during her three-set loss to Conchita Martinez. Terri Thuente/Daily News

Martinez advances in Slims

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"I knew it was going to be a hard match today," Martinez said. "She's a good player. But I was a little surprised with the 6-0 score in the first set."

It was a set in which Raymond could do no right and Martinez no wrong. The Spaniard wasted no time in defeating Raymond, winning in a little more than 20 minutes. Raymond struggled badly with her serve the entire set and Martinez took advantage of that weakness, breaking her serve all three times.

"The first set was just perfect," Martinez said. "I didn't make any mistakes. But in the second set I played a little passive. It wasn't until the third set that I started playing aggressive again."

Raymond responded well from her first-set debacle, getting her serve back and a little confidence with it. She broke Martinez on her first opportunity in the second set and produced on two of her own for a 3-0 lead.

With strong volleying at the net, Raymond took the second set and, for a moment, had a chance at an upset.

But Martinez fired back, breaking Raymond's serve twice more in the third set to clinch the victory.

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TODAY AT VIRGINIA SLIMS

10 a.m. on stadium court: Amy Frazier vs. Christina Singer; followed by Elena Likhovtseva vs. Pam Shriver.

3 p.m. (approx.): The No. 1 doubles seed of Gigi Fernandez/Larisa Neiland vs. Jo Durie/Robin White.

7 p.m.: Martina Navratilova vs. Alexia Dechaume-Balleret; followed by Navratilova/Manon Bollegraf vs. Asa Carlsson/Michelle Jackson-Nobrega.

the second set," Raymond said. "I wasn't aggressive in the third. In the third set I got a little gun shy for some reason and made a lot of unforced errors."

Despite her losses to Graf and Martinez, Raymond's performances have no doubt turned heads around the tour. With a little more experience and some added confidence, this first-year player has a chance to make a name for herself.

"Right now I have one foot in the door," Raymond said. "I know I can do it. It's just a matter of putting it together upstairs."

Tuesday's two evening matches featured fourth-seeded Jana Novotna (Czech Republic) against Ger-

many's Karin Kschwendt and fifth-seeded Zina Garrison-Jackson (USA) against American Debbie Graham.

Novotna, ranked eighth in the world, easily disposed of Kschwendt, 6-3, 6-2. Garrison-Jackson, ranked 12th, beat Graham 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Today's other seeded players all earned victories as well, including No. 6. Anke Huber (Germany), No. 7. Julie Halard (France), No. 9 Nathalie Tauziat (France), No. 10 Amy Frazier (USA) and No. 12 Patty Fendick (USA).

Second-seeded Martina Navratilova will see her first action of this year's tournament tonight against France's Alexia Dechaume-Balleret. If Navratilova loses, it would mark her final appearance in Los Angeles. She is retiring at the end of the year.

Tournament organizers suffered another blow Tuesday when American Lindsay Davenport, ranked seventh in the world, withdrew from the tournament. Davenport is recovering from a pulled calf muscle in her left leg suffered last week in Carlsbad.

Davenport is the fifth top-10 player forced to drop out of this year's tournament because of injuries.

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Garrison Jackson holds off Graham

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TENNIS: The Fountain Valley resident loses a tight match but shows she has recovered from a broken foot.

By JANIS CARR

The Orange County Register

MANHATTAN BEACH — Tennis is called a game of inches. A little bit here or a little bit there can determine a match, if not the future.

Most of Debbie Graham's year has been determined by a foot. Not 12 inches, but a size 8.

Graham has spent the better part of the past five months recovering from a broken right foot. But you never would know the Fountain Valley resident had played just one full match since suffering the injury in March by the way she played Tuesday night.

Graham stood her ground against No. 5 seed Zina Garrison Jackson for three long sets before falling, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles.

"I was pleased," she said, "but a little disappointed I couldn't close it out. I'm still coming back and I tend to forget what it's like in those situations."

Graham found herself in a possible winning situation late in the third set. She held onto an early break until the seventh game when Garrison Jackson came storming back to put the set back on serve.

saw the schedule put her first match at night.

"Even though the lights here are great, I have trouble seeing the ball at night," she said.

But she wasn't complaining too loudly after whipping Karin Kschwendt, 6-3, 6-2.

"I was serving well," Novotna, the No. 4 seed, said, "I am quite happy."

Of course, that was afterward.

Conchita Martinez, the top seed, was none too happy to help out the Slims of L.A. when the tournament needed another player. She came to the rescue when she entered the event last Saturday.

Martinez, the Wimbledon champion, joined the field after five players withdrew. She entered despite having played 27 matches in 25 days.

But for a short time Tuesday, Martinez, the top seed, looked like she could have used a life-saver, before recovering for a 6-0, 3-6, 6-1 victory over unseeded Lisa Raymond.

After blasting Raymond, 6-0, in a 25-minute first set, Martinez struggled to find that same touch in the second.

Playing without much enthusiasm, Martinez fell behind, 5-2, and never recovered, losing that set.

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Garrison Jackson, ranked 12th in the world, then closed out the match by winning the final two games.

"I started thinking ahead to the next point or next game," said Graham, who used the World Team Tennis season to help get in shape.

"The foot still aches off and on," said Graham, who won the NCAA title while at Stanford, "especially after Wimbledon."

Graham broke her foot at the Lipton International Players' Championship when she tumbled hard while chasing down a shot on the hard court.

The injury knocked her out of the French Open and several other key tournaments. She attempted a comeback at Wimbledon, but was ousted in the first round by Ines Gorrochategui of Argentina.

In other matches, Jana Novotna wasn't too happy when she

"The first set I was just perfect," Martinez said. "I didn't make many mistakes. But I knew it was going to be hard to keep up that level.

"In the second set, when I lost the first game, it was hard to get back. She was serving quick and I got kind of passive."

But the third set was all Martinez as she took advantage of an error-prone Raymond.

Former Dana Hills High player Anne Mall lost her second-round match to No. 7 seed Julie Halard, 6-4, 7-5.

Halard joins other seeded players No. 6 Anke Huber, No. 9 Nathalie Tauziat and No. 10 Amy Frazier in the third round.

AT MANHATTAN BEACH

SINGLES

FIRST ROUND

Amy Frazier (10), Rochester Hills, Mich., def. Andrea Strnadova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 4-1, retired; Patty Fendick (12), Tahoe Village, Nev., def. Caroline Kuhlman, Lakeside Park, Ky., 6-4, 7-6 (10-8); Melissa Mazzotta, Venezuela, def. Rachel McQuillan, Australia, 6-4, 7-5; Alexia Dechaume-Balleret, France, def. Fabiola Zuluaga, Colombia, 6-3, 6-1; Sandrine Testud, France, def. Manon Bollegraf, The Netherlands, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3); Christina Singer, Germany, def. Joannette Kruger, South Africa, 7-5, 7-5; Laura Golarsa, Italy, def. Andriana Serra-Zanetti, Italy, 6-2, 6-4.

SECOND ROUND

Conchita Martinez (1), Spain, def. Lisa Raymond, Wayne, Pa., 6-0, 3-6, 6-1; Anke Huber (6), Germany, def. Stephanie Rottier, The Netherlands, 6-2, 6-1; Julie Halard (7), France, def. Anne Mall, La Mesa, 6-4, 7-5; Nathalie Tauziat (9), France, def. Audra Keller, Memphis, Tenn., 6-2, 6-0; Jana Novotna (4), Czech Republic, def. Karin Kschwendt, Germany, 6-3, 6-2; Zina Garrison Jackson (5), Houston, def. Debbie Graham, Fountain Valley, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

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Conchita Martínez conquistó exitoso debut en Los Angeles

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Venció a Lisa Raymond

Por Ricardo Jiménez

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Conchita Martínez, la cabeza número uno del torneo Virginia Slims de Los Angeles, tuvo un exitoso debut en la competencia al vencer a la estadounidense Lisa Raymond por 6-0, 3-6 y 6-1, ayer en la cancha central del Country Club de Manhattan Beach.

La tenista española, ganadora del pasado torneo de Wimbledon, fue incluida a última hora a este torneo, cuando los organizadores perdieron a varias de sus mejores clasificadas por lesiones.

Una de las que tuvo que pudo participar este año fue la argentina, Gabriela Sabatini, que continúa con dolores en el hombro derecho.

Esta es la primera vez que Martínez juega en el torneo angelino que está dotado de 400 mil dólares en premios.

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mienzo en el encuentro, ya que ganó el primer set por 6-0 y lucía en completo control del partido.

Pero Raymond tuvo una vigorosa reacción en el segundo set y tomó ventajas de 3-0 y 4-1, antes de que Martínez mejorase su juego, algo que llegó un poco tarde, ya que su rival logró mantener esa delantera tempranera que finalmente la convirtió en un triunfo de 6-3.

Martínez, que para los juegos finales del segundo set, ya había agarrado su segundo aire, dominó por completo el tercer set, uno que ganó por 6-1 para ganar el encuentro que la clasificó a la tercera ronda de la competencia.

"Jugué un juego perfecto en el primer set. Todo lo que hacía me salía bien y me sorprendió la fa-

cilidad con la que gané ese primer set", dijo Martínez, la tercera mejor clasificada en el ranking mundial femenino.

"En el segundo set perdí la concentración un poco, cuando perdí el primer juego y ella estuvo más agresiva en esa parte del encuentro", agregó Martínez, quien ha ganado cuatro torneos este año y junto a Arantxa Sánchez Vicario la Copa Federación.

Martínez, quien la semana pasada llegó a la semifinal del torneo Toshiba en San Diego, dijo que estaba un poco cansada, pero lista para competir.

"Estoy un poco cansada y siempre es difícil jugar el primer partido. Físicamente estoy bien, pero creo que psicológicamente aún no estoy al nivel que quiero estar", afirmó Martínez.

La campeona defensora del torneo, Martina Navratilova (2) hará su debut en esta compe-

tencia hoy miércoles cuando se enfrente a la francesa Alexia Dechaume-Balleret en la cancha central a las 7:00 de la noche.

Navratilova estará haciendo su última presentación en Los Angeles en una competencia individual en este torneo el cual ha ganado en ocho ocasiones.

La veterana tenista anunció su retiro de competencias individuales al principio del año y su último torneo competitivo será el próximo mes de noviembre en los Campeonatos Virginia Slims de Nueva York.

Navratilova, que jugará partidos de exhibición, no ha descontado tomar parte en torneos de parejas mixtas o dobles femeninos, pero quizá sea sólo en torneo de Grand Slam y otros tantos de preparación para esas competencias.

Por otro lado, la mexicana Angélica Gavaldón que ganó su par-

tido de primera ronda sobre Natalia Medvedena, se medirá a la japonesa Kyoko Nagatsuka hoy en un partido de segunda ronda.

Ayer martes la venezolana Melissa Mazzona derrotó a la australiana, Rachel McQuillan por 6-4, 7-5.

Otros resultados de ayer:

Anke Huber (6) derrotó a Stephanie Rottier por 6-2 (6-1); Julie Hallard venció a Anne Mall por 6-4, 6-4; Patty Fendick (12) venció a Caroline Kuhlman 6-4, 7-6; Amy Frazier (10) derrotó a Andrea Sternadova por 6-0 y 4-1, ya que esta última abandonó por lesión; Nathalie Tauziat (9) venció a Audra Keller por 6-2, 6-0; Dechaume-Balleret derrotó a la colombiana Fabiola Zuluaga por 6-3, 6-1; Sandrine Testud a Manon Bollegraf por 6-1, 7-6; Christina Singer a Joannett Kruger por 7-5, 7-5 y Laura Golorsa a Adriana Serra-Zanetti por 6-2, 6-4.

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Shriver strives for achievement on, off the court

By Gabe Lacques
STAFF WRITER

MANHATTAN BEACH — Pam Shriver is more than just a tennis player.

In fact, it's difficult to find many players on the women's tennis tour that do as much off the court as Shriver does.

Shriver, who will play Elena Likhovtseva in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles today at noon at the Manhattan Country Club, doesn't have the time to worry about her ranking and how much endorsement income she's generating.

Shriver has other pressing concerns, such as:

■ Saving women's tennis from extinction. As president of the WTA Tour Players Association, Shriver said she hopes to reverse the tour's recession. The WTA is without a sponsor for next year, and Shriver gathered 13 of the world's top 20 players together at Wimbledon to discuss the WTA's future.



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"I'm constantly learning," she said. "There's time to delve into other things, and that's important. If I felt like I wasn't growing, then I'd be frustrated — but there's always something."

And, of course, Shriver has had a pretty decent career on the court.

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12th ranked tennis star Zina Garrison will be among tennis' pros to compete in the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, August 8-14 at the Manhattan Country Club, Manhattan Beach California. For ticket information call (310) 546-7753.

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Garrison, McNeil in Virginia Slims

Tennis stars Zina Garrison-Jackson and Lori McNeil are competitors in the Virginia Slims Championships of Los Angeles. The tourney is being played at the Manhattan Beach Country Club and will conclude on Sunday. 0-74

The Virginia Slims is the first action for McNeil and Garrison-Jackson since the U.S. Open, where both played brilliantly. At the Open, Garrison-Jackson upset the number two seed and McNeil upset the number one seed. McNeil advanced to the semifinals, but lost in three sets. Currently Garrison-Jackson is ranked number 12 in the world, McNeil number 14.

Garrison-Jackson and McNeil were developed by John Wilkerson at McGregor Park in Houston. During the U.S. Open, Houston newspapers featured daily full-page articles on both local favorites.

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Navratilova avoids a premature farewell

By Mitch Chortkoff

STAFF WRITER

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Navratilova had a 5-2 lead but lost the next three games. Both players then held serve, setting up the tiebreaker.

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Navratilova then played a late evening doubles match and was scheduled for an early afternoon singles meeting today against 13th-seeded Ann Grossman.

"I thought I could win," said Dechaume-Ballaret. "This was one of the best matches I've played.

"I wasn't thinking about spoiling her special week here. I can't think of that."

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Navratilova Has to Struggle Against an Undaunted Foe

Tennis: Dechaume-Balleret puts up a fight before losing in second round at Manhattan Beach, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4).

By ELLIOTT ALMOND
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Alexia Dechaume-Balleret of Monaco is never going to match Martina Navratilova's accomplishments.

But none of that mattered Wednesday night during the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles in Manhattan Beach.

Dechaume-Balleret, one of the faceless names on the women's tennis tour, elevated her game to new heights in losing to second-seeded Navratilova in a dramatic three-set tiebreaker before 5,724 at the Manhattan Country Club.

No. 84 Dechaume-Balleret fell behind 4-0 in the third set, and looked as if she would quickly disappear but rallied before losing, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4).

"I had to play some great tennis to win that match," Navratilova said. "I opened the door for her and she certainly slammed it open."

It was not supposed to start like this for Navratilova, 27, playing in her first match since losing the Wimbledon final to Conchita Martinez last month. Navratilova, who has won 18 Grand Slam singles titles, is playing her final season after 20 years.

Dechaume-Balleret, 24, started the year ranked 350th, and although she is slowly moving up the rankings, she has done little to gain attention. She reached the fourth round of the French Open but had to qualify to play at Wimbledon. She lost in the second round at the All England Tennis Lawn Club to Kristie Boogert of the Netherlands.

She lost to top-ranked Steffi Graf in the second round of the Toshiba Classic in Carlsbad last week, 6-0, 6-1.

So, there was little indication that Dechaume-Balleret, who did not play last year because of a wrist injury, was a threat to spoil Navratilova's farewell to Los Angeles. Navratilova, after all, has won the Manhattan Beach tournament eight times.

But Dechaume-Balleret was undaunted. By mixing her shots and remaining poised, she turned a routine outing into a eventful match.

"At first I was so nervous. . . . I was a little tight," Dechaume-Balleret said.

That was evident. Navratilova had little difficulty controlling the first set with a tough serve-and-volley game. But Dechaume-Balleret got into the match by forcing Navratilova to stay on the baseline.

And somewhere along the way, she regained confidence. So, when trailing 4-0 in the third, Dechaume-Balleret did not quit. Instead, she zeroed in on the lines and started hitting them.

There was little Navratilova could do but shrug her shoulders at some of those pinpoint shots.

"At the beginning of the third set, it was difficult to pass her," Dechaume-Balleret said.

But when she ran down a drop volley and passed Navratilova to close to 4-2, she pumped her fist, showing emotion for the first time during the match.

From that point, Navratilova was in a fight. Even



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Martina Navratilova tried a behind-the-back shot during her victory over Alexia Dechaume-Balleret.

when she had match point on Dechaume-Balleret's serve in the 10th game, it was a battle. Dechaume-Balleret held.

Navratilova did not take control of the tiebreaker until the eighth point when she lunged at a deep ball and hit it a cross-court winner. That seemed to spell the end for Dechaume-Balleret. Navratilova won the next three points to advance.

"I'm sure she doesn't play like this very often," Navratilova said. "If she did, she would be ranked higher."

Tennis Notes

No. 70 Elena Likhovtseva of Kazakhstan defeated No. 48 Pam Shriver, 6-0, 3-6, 7-5, after trailing in the third set, 3-1. Shriver won seven of eight games at the end of the second set and the beginning of the third, but Likhovtseva, 18, did not fold. "I felt very close to taking control in the third, but I couldn't," Shriver said. "She returns so well it put pressure on me."

When Shriver tied the score, 5-5, on consecutive points, Likhovtseva answered with four in a row to take a 6-5 lead. Then she displayed her tough return in the 12th game. Shriver took a 40-30 lead on an ace, but Likhovtseva won the next three points to advance.

Likhovtseva will face top-seeded Conchita Martinez in the third round.

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Navratilova gets a scare

No. 2 seed wins third-set tiebreaker in L.A. Slims

By Gabe Lacques
STAFF WRITER

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by Garrison Frost Jr.

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Some of the world's top players will be on hand. Top-seeded Conchita Martinez will try to continue the strong play that helped her win the Wimbledon championships earlier this summer. Other top seeds include Jana Novotna, Zina Garrison-Jackson, Anke Huber and the always-exciting Pam Shriver.

While the Virginia Slims has always been a major sporting event, this year's tournament is an especially hot ticket because it marks Martina Navratilova's final professional appearance in Los Angeles. Navratilova, who is the defending champion, announced earlier this year that this season would be her last.

"Martina has inspired a lot of kids around here to pick up rackets," said Phyllis Cohen-Edwards, a Manhattan Beach

resident and tournament volunteer. "We're going to miss her. This is a real special tournament for us."

At a Monday press conference, Navratilova stated that the Slims of Los Angeles was one of her favorite tour spots over the years.

For area residents, the Virginia Slims offers a rare chance to see high-caliber tennis up close.

"If you live in this area, where do you find good tennis like this?" said resident and Manhattan Country Club member Mel Klein. "We couldn't be happier to have this outstanding tennis right on our doorstep."

Others, like residents Don and Pat Short, look forward to the tournament every year because it offers more than just great tennis.

"It's a very social event," said Don Short, who has been a club member for 10 years. "It brings a lot of new people to the club."

Tickets for the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles are still available, and can be bought at Ticketmaster outlets.

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Navratilova escapes with narrow win in LA Slims

By Sharon Glinn
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Navratilova exhaled, paused, stood up and won three straight points to take the match, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. The match took 2 hours, 8 minutes.

It was a tougher match than the evening crowd of 5,724 at the Manhattan Country Club expected to see. Navratilova, after all, is the two-time defending champion and the No. 2 seed and has won this tournament eight times. The last thing the crowd wanted to see was the fourth-ranked Navratilova, who received a bye into the second round, lose her first match in her final tournament appearance in Southern California.

Dechaume-Balleret, playing the role of spoiler, wasn't thinking about that. She was focused on playing her best tennis — especially after losing last week to Steffi Graf in the second round of a tournament in Carlsbad.

"At the beginning, I was so nervous," Dechaume-Balleret said in broken English. "I wanted to do well. Last week I played against Steffi. I didn't play like today so I was a little bit afraid before this match. But I did very good."

That's putting it mildly. Dechaume-Balleret, 24, of France, said she never had played like that before.

She slowed the game down, stunning Navratilova, 37, with the accuracy of her passing shots and her ability to return everything hit within 10 feet of her. Navratilova was more than happy to escape with the victory.

"Maybe it was bad luck for her," Navratilova said. "She's playing really well. I'm not ashamed of winning 7-6 in the third set, let's put it that way. If I had just played average, I would have lost."

Early on, it looked as if it was going to be another quick and easy victory for Navratilova. Though Dechaume-Balleret gave her some

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Navratilova never led in the second set. Dechaume-Balleret broke Navratilova's serve to take a 5-3 lead, then fought to hold serve and won the set.

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Dechaume-Balleret, who did not play last year because of a wrist injury, is not even listed in the WTA Tour media guide. She has had a good year, reaching the fourth round of the French Open and moving up in the rankings from the mid 300s since rejoining the tour in February.

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NOTES — As if the the singles didn't take long enough, Martina Navratilova played a doubles match 30 minutes later. Navratilova and Manon Bollegraf beat Asa Carlsson and Michelle Jackson-Nobrega, 6-1, 6-3. . . Pam Shriver, a lifelong fan of the Baltimore Orioles, was part of the ownership group that purchased the team last August. The prospect of a strike makes her none too happy — but not why some might think. "I'm mostly a fan, and I'm very annoyed," said Shriver, who owns a small percentage of the Orioles. "Overall, I'm just sad at the thought of not playing baseball." Shriver said she could call and find out more about the negotiations, but she is more worried about being WTA Tour Players' Association president. "I'm perfectly happy to deal with the politics of one sport — that's plenty," she said. Shriver, the 16th seed, lost yesterday to 18-year-old Elena Likhovtseva of Kazakhstan, 6-0, 3-6, 6-5.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Singles (Second Round) — Sabine Appelmans (8) def. Tami Whittinger-Jones, 6-2, 1-6, 6-2; Amy Frazier (10) def. Christina Singer, 6-1, 6-2; Patty Fendick (12) def. Laura Golarsa, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; Kimberly Po (15) def. Melissa Mazzotta, 6-3, 6-0; Elena Likhovtseva def. Pam Shriver (16), 6-0, 3-6, 7-5; Patricia Hy def. Mercedes Paz, 6-0, 6-4; Ann Grossman def. Asa Carlsson, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; Sandrine Testud def. Maria Jose Gaidano, 6-3, 6-3; Angelica Gavaldon def. Kyoko Nagatsuka, 6-2, 6-1; Martina Navratilova (2) def. Alexia Dechaume-Balleret, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4).

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Court 5

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Court 6

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In recognition of her final visit to Los Angeles, Navratilova has teamed up with the American Red Cross to make the occasion a fundraiser for victims of the Jan. 17 Northridge Earthquake.

Fans are invited to pen a farewell message to Navratilova, along with a donation to the American Red Cross, c/o Martina Navratilova, Box 570506, Tarzana CA 91357.

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Martina brings her tennis mastery to L.A. for the last time. Photo by James Byrom

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Martina Navratilova's farewell week in Los Angeles almost became a weak farewell Wednesday night.

An unknown 24-year-old French woman, Alexia Dechaume-Balleret, forced the eight-time Virginia Slims of I.A. champion into a third-set tiebreaker before losing 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4) before 5,724 fans at the Manhattan Country Club.

Dechaume-Balleret didn't play at all in 1993 because of an injured wrist. She has no bio in the Women's Tennis Association media guide. She is ranked 83rd in the world (up from about 350 in February). She was smashed 6-0, 6-1 by Steffi Graf last week in San Diego.

But she played one of the best



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Martina Navratilova hits a backhand in her victory over Alexia Dechaume-Balleret at the Virginia Slims.

matches of her life and nearly upset the soon-to-retire sure Hall of Famer.

"I don't win 7-6 in the third too often . . .," said Navratilova. "I'm not ashamed to win 7-6 in the third. I played good tennis. If I'd played average, I would have lost."

"At the beginning," said De-

chaume-Balleret, "I was upset ... at my draw. After one round, I had to play someone so strong."

At the start of the match, it appeared that Dechaume-Balleret (Balleret is her married name) would be typical early-round fodder for Navratilova.

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But the Monaco resident picked up confidence, lobbed beautifully, varied the pace of her shots and got back into it. Navratilova for the most part didn't let her back in, she earned her way with good gets, good passing shots, good service returns.

Once again at the start of the third set, it appeared Navratilova was in charge. She broke Dechaume-Balleret twice and jumped off to a 4-0 lead.

"Then I missed two easy volleys," said Navratilova. "If I'm up 5-0, she doesn't come back, I don't think."

Dechaume-Balleret was broken in the eighth game of the third set and then had a big battle to hold and not lose the match in the ninth game, which went to deuce four times. She stood off one match point.

Navratilova held with difficulty, Dechaume-Balleret held easily and the match was down to a tiebreaker.

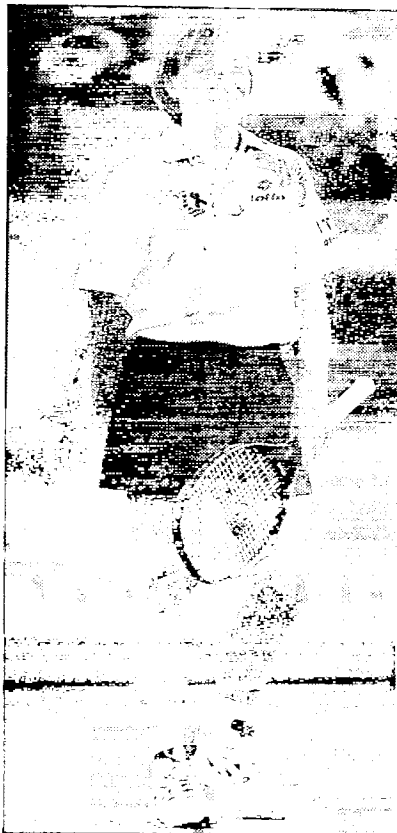
The tiebreaker was tied at 1, at 2, at 3, at 4. Then Navratilova won three points in a row in the match, and not because her opponent folded.

"If she keeps playing like that, she'll move up in the rankings," said Navratilova. "...I had to play some great tennis to win the match."

In afternoon matches, headline-writer favorites Patricia Hy and Kimberly Po won but the big surprise was Elena Likhovtseva of Kazakhstan.

That is not an alphabet-soup letter spill. Nor is it the result of an explosion in a Scrabble-tile factory.

Likhovtseva is an 18-year-old woman from a newly independent ex-Soviet republic that straddles the Central Asia-Eastern Europe border. She is the only pro tennis player she's ever heard of from her



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Retiring Martina Navratilova acknowledges the crowd's cheers during her victory.

land.

On Wednesday she upset No. 16 seed Pam Shriver 6-0, 3-6, 6-5 in the second round. Hy of Canada and Po of the United States defeated Mercedes Paz of Argentina and Melissa Mazzotta of Venezuela, but Likhovtseva had center stage, or at least the stadium court, and made the most of it.

"This is the first time ... I've played her in singles," said Shriver, 32 and the winner of 21 Grand Slam doubles titles. "I was pretty impressed. I mean, she has weap-

ons. She moves well, she passes well, she has big shots off both sides.

"I have a feeling mentally she gets a bit down, but for a serve-volleyer it's a nightmare. You don't know where to serve, because she returns well off both sides and it's firm, it's good and very low and hard."

Likhovtseva might not have got mentally down in the third set, but she got down in the score. Shriver had taken the second set and was ahead 3-1 in the third.

"I won the first set 6-0," said Likhovtseva. "I was surprised I won it easily. She raised (her game) and I was afraid I couldn't win the last set. When it was 3-1, I thought, 'What I'm going to do?'"

Fight back, that's what.

"I had back-to-back games when I had 0-30 on her serve and 30-0 on my serve and lost both games," said Shriver. "And that was really the turning point."

"I should have won both those games and I didn't, and that was a shame. ... I felt very close to taking control of the third, but I couldn't."

So Shriver, who is not playing doubles here, gets an early trip home to the Baltimore area, where her beloved Orioles (she owns a small part of the team) will probably be on strike soon.

Likhovtseva gets her first-ever singles crack today at top-seed Conchita Martinez of Spain, the Wimbledon champion.